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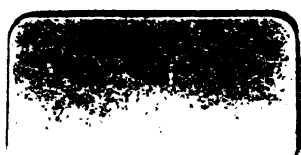
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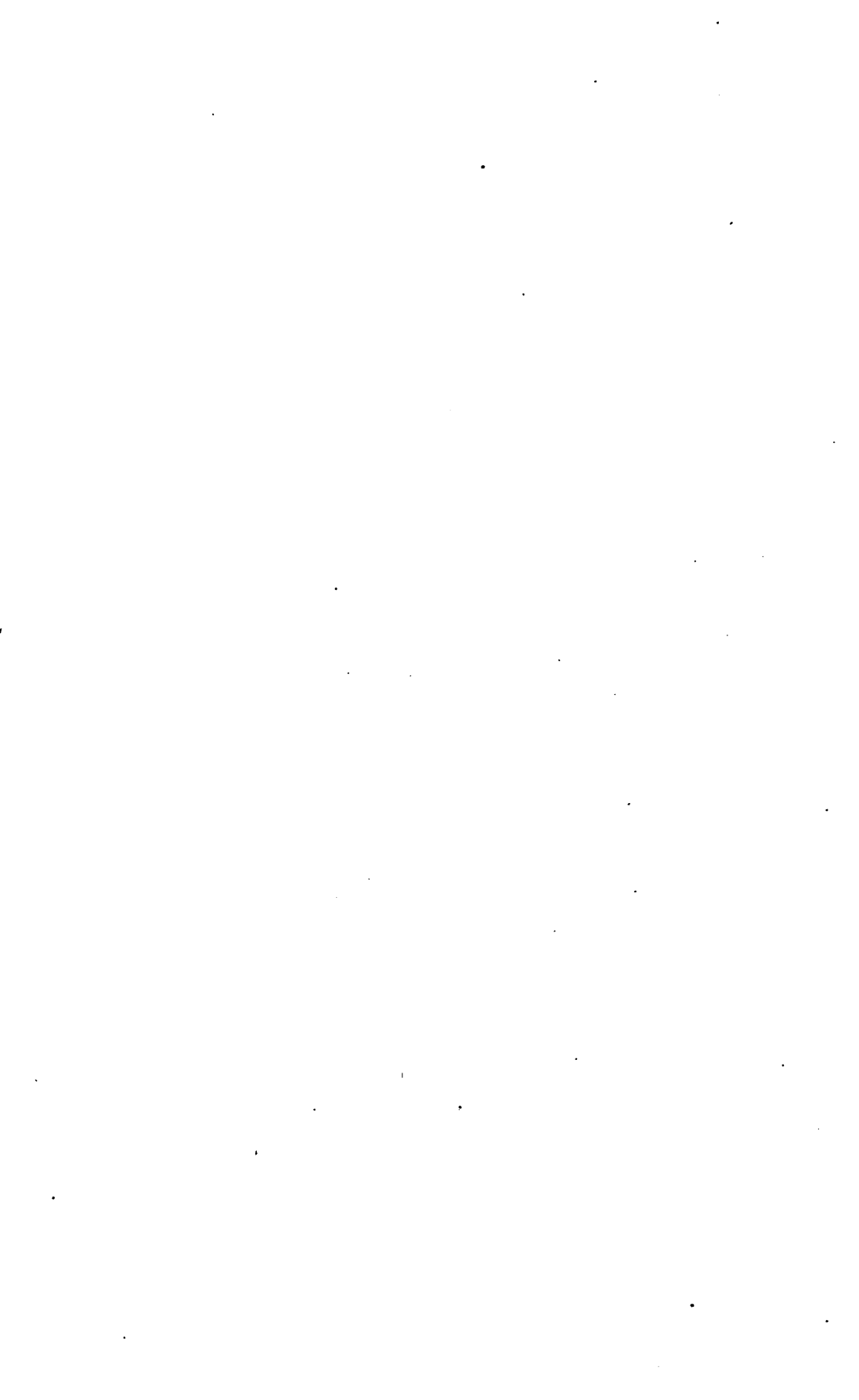
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 5, 1873.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House cause to be printed, for the use of the members, one thousand (1,000) copies of the Journal of the House of the late special session.

CHAS. H. TAYLOR, *Clerk*.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



By His Excellency WILLIAM B. WASHBURN, GOVERNOR.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, It is provided by the Constitution of the Commonwealth that the Governor, with advice of Council, shall have full power and authority, during the recess of the General Court, to call it together sooner than the time to which it may be adjourned or prorogued, if the welfare of the Commonwealth shall require the same;

And whereas, I am officially advised by the unanimous action of its municipal government, and a large committee of its most eminent citizens, that the recent fire in Boston has, in their judgment, rendered certain measures of state legislation imperatively necessary:

Now, therefore, believing that the emergency contemplated by the Constitution has occurred, I do issue this my Proclamation to the members of the General Court, calling them to assemble at the State House, in Boston, on Tuesday, the 19th day of November instant, at twelve o'clock, noon, to take such steps and act upon such matters as may be deemed expedient in consequence of the great calamity which has suddenly fallen upon the chief city of our Commonwealth.

Given at the Council Chamber, in Boston, this twelfth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

WILLIAM B. WASHBURN.

By His Excellency the Governor, with advice of Council.

OLIVER WARNER,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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On this Tuesday, the nineteenth day of November, in the year 1872, at 12 o'clock, noon, in pursuance of the foregoing proclamation, the members of the House of Representatives assembled in the Representatives' chamber in the State House, in Boston, and were called to order by the Speaker. Preliminary organization.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Hanson of Peabody, a member of the House.

The proclamation of His Excellency the Governor was read.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Boston,—

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform that branch that the House has assembled, and is ready to proceed to business.

And Mr. Washburn was charged with the message.

A message was in turn received from the Senate, announcing that that branch had assembled, and was ready to proceed to business.

Ordered, in concurrence, that Messrs. Frost and Woods of the Senate, and Messrs. Stedman of Boston, Corliss of Gloucester, Fairbanks of Fall River, Ross of Holden, and Hersey of Chelsea, of the House, be a committee to wait upon the Governor, and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature have assembled in pursuance of his proclamation, and are in readiness to receive such communication as it may be his pleasure to make to them. Organization.

Afterwards, Mr. Stedman from the committee reported that they had attended to the duty assigned to them, and that the Governor would wait upon the two branches, and address them in person.

On motion of Mr. Breed of Lynn,—

Joint convention.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate, proposing a joint convention forthwith, for the purpose of receiving such communication as the Governor may see fit to make.

And a message was in turn received from the Senate, announcing the concurrence of that branch in this proposition.

The Senate then came in, and, the two branches being in convention, a committee consisting of Messrs. Learnard and Noble of the Senate, and Messrs. Phillips of Salem, Bacon of Lawrence, Palmer of Boston, Packard of Boston, and Harris of Charlestown, of the House, was appointed to wait upon the Governor, and inform him that the Senate and House in convention assembled are ready to receive such communication as he may be pleased to make to them.

Address by His Excellency the Governor.

The committee having attended to this duty, the Governor and Council came in, and His Excellency proceeded to deliver an address.

After which, His Excellency and the Council withdrew, and the convention was dissolved and the Senate returned to its chamber.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Committee on the Governor's address.

Ordered, That the address of His Excellency be referred to a joint special committee, to consist of five members on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, to consider and report in what manner its recommendations may best be prepared for the consideration of the two branches, and the business of the special session disposed of.

And Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Kimball of Boston, Thompson of Gloucester, Baldwin of Worcester, and Anderson of Lowell were appointed. Sent up to be joined. Came back concurred, and with Messrs. Torrey and Tarbox of the Senate joined.

Reference of the Governor's address.

Afterwards, Mr. Cogswell from the committee reported, recommending that so much of the address as relates to a municipal loan of the city of Boston be referred to a joint special committee; so much as relates to matters connected with insurance to a joint special committee, and so much as relates to a Building Act, streets and

grades to a joint special committee, each of said committees to consist of three members on the part of the Senate and seven on the part of the House.

The report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

And, the report having been accepted in concurrence, sundry orders, namely:—

Appointing Messrs. Jacobs, Fuller and Ames as the committee on the Municipal Loan of the City of Boston; Municipal
Loan at
Boston.

And Messrs. Richardson, Whitney of Norfolk, and Smith, on the committee relating to matters of Insurance; Insurance.

And Messrs. Torrey, Boardman and Carpenter as the committee on the Building Act; Building
Act.

Came down and were concurred in, and the Speaker took time for the appointment of the House portions of the several committees.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's address as relates to the payment of the militia be referred to the committee on Finance. Payment of
militia.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That one thousand extra copies of the Governor's address be printed. Printing the
Governor's
address.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the fifteenth and sixteenth of the joint rules of the two Houses be suspended for the session. Suspension
of joint
rules.

Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

Concerning insurance companies;

To incorporate the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company; Insurance
companies.
Mass.
Mutual.

To increase the guarantee capital of the Traders' and Mechanics' Insurance Company; Traders and
Mechanics'
Ins. Co.

To amend the first section of chapter 224 of the Acts of the year 1862, "to levy taxes on certain insurance companies, and on depositors in savings banks"; Taxes on
Ins. Cos.

Severally introduced on leave in the Senate, and referred by that branch to the standing committee on Insurance, came down, and leave was granted to introduce the same; but the House non-concurred in the reference to said committee, and referred the bills to the special com-

mittee on so much of the Governor's address as relates to Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

The several petitions of—

Suffolk
Ins. Co.

James H. Lunt and others, to be incorporated as the Suffolk Insurance Company;

Shoe and
Leather
Ins. Co.

John C. Abbott and others, to be incorporated as the Shoe and Leather Insurance Company; and

Neptune
Fire and
Marine
Ins. Co.

Isaac Thacher and others, to be incorporated as the Neptune Fire and Marine Insurance Company;

Came from the Senate, having been referred by that branch to the standing committee on Insurance, and the House non-concurred, and referred the same to the special committee.

Sent up for concurrence.

Homestead
Ins. Co.

The petition of John H. Stark and others, to be incorporated as the Homestead Insurance Company, came from the Senate, referred to the standing committee, and was laid upon the table.

Building
Act.

Mr. Carney of Boston presented the petition of the mayor of Boston for an amendment of the Building Act, which was referred to the committee on that subject.

Bill relative
to inspection
of
buildings,
&c.

Mr. Kimball of Boston on leave introduced a bill in addition to the Act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in Boston, which was read and referred to the same committee.

Boston
Merchants'
Exchange.

Mr. Codman of Boston on leave introduced a bill to incorporate the Boston Merchants' Exchange, which was read and referred to the same committee.

Issue of
bonds by
Boston in
aid of the
sufferers
from the
fire.

Mr. Kimball of Boston presented the petition of the city of Boston for an act to authorize said city to issue bonds in aid of the sufferers by the late fire, which was referred to the committee on the Municipal Loan.

Mr. Quincy of Boston on leave introduced a bill to enable the city of Boston to make and issue its bonds for certain purposes, which was read and referred to the same committee.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Firemen's
Fire Ins. Co.

Mr. Kimball of Boston presented the petition of S. G. Rogers and others, to be incorporated as the Firemen's Fire Insurance Company.

Also, the petition of Elisha Whitney and others, to be incorporated as the Boston National Insurance Company. Boston National Ins. Co.

Also, the petition of Samuel Gould and others, to be incorporated as the Manufacturers' Fire and Marine Insurance Company. Manufacturers' Fire and Marine Ins. Co.

Also, the petition of Joseph W. Balch and others, to be incorporated as the Boylston Mutual Insurance Company. Boylston Mutual Ins. Co.

Also, the petition of Isaac Sweetser and others, to be incorporated as the Washington Fire and Marine Insurance Company. Washington Fire and Marine Ins. Co.

Also, the petition of Franklin Greene and others, to be incorporated as the Prescott Insurance Company. Prescott Ins. Co.

Also, the petition of Arthur W. Hobart and others, to be incorporated as the Benefit Fire Insurance Company. Benefit Fire Ins. Co.

Also, the petition of the New England Mutual Insurance Company, for an amendment of its charter. N. E. Mut. Ins. Co.

Mr. Codman of Boston presented the petition of George A. Curtis and others, to be incorporated as the Eliot Insurance Company. Eliot Ins. Co.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, the petition of A. H. Bean and others, to be incorporated as the Faneuil Hall Fire Insurance Company. Faneuil Hall Fire Ins. Co.

Mr. Hill of Boston, the petition of Albert Bowker and others, to be incorporated as the North American Insurance Company. North American Ins. Co.

Mr. Harris of Charlestown, the petition of Abraham Jackson and others, to be incorporated as the Franklin Fire and Marine Insurance Company. Franklin Fire and Marine Ins. Co.

Mr. Cressy of Beverly, the petition of the Beverly Insurance Company, for an amendment of its charter. Beverly Ins. Co.

These petitions were severally referred to the committee on so much of the Governor's address as relates to Insurance, and severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Stedman of Boston presented the petition of Wm. T. Hart and others, trustees in possession of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad, for leave to extend the tracks of said road into the burned district, which was referred to the committee on Railways. Boston, Hartford & Erie R. R.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, the petition of the standing committee of the Old South Society, for an amendment of their charter, which was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Old South Society.

Mr. Carney of Boston, the petition of the Emigrant Savings Bank for an amendment to its charter, so as to make Emigrant Savings Bank.

its present location according to law, which was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Abbott of Malden,—

Insurance.

Ordered, That the committee on so much of the Governor's address as relates to Insurance consider the expediency of reporting a bill for the better protection of parties who have reasonable cause to suppose that they are insured—either that property be insured by the State, by cities or towns; or by authorizing the formation of insurance companies under general laws; or by limiting the amounts of risks by any company in any city or town; by limiting the percentage of dividends to be declared; by making the private property of stockholders liable; or by any other means whereby the public shall have cause to feel that they are reasonably protected after having parted with their money for that purpose in good faith.

On motion of Mr. Towne of Fitchburg,—

General law
for incorpo-
ration of
Ins. Cos.

Ordered, That the same committee consider the expediency of passing a general law for the incorporation of insurance companies.

Insurance
risks.

Also, that the same committee consider the expediency of providing by law for some limitation of insurance risks, so that the amount taken or held by any insurance company authorized to do business in this Commonwealth, in any city or town, or in any fire district regularly established in such city or town, shall at no time exceed the assets of such company.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mechanics'
Mut. Ins.
Co.

Mr. Patch of Boston on leave introduced a bill to incorporate the Mechanics' Mutual Insurance Company, which was read and referred to the committee on so much of the Governor's address as relates to Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

The 15th &
16th joint
rules.

Mr. Croak of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the order suspending the 15th and 16th joint rules was adopted. The motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton,—

Hour of
meeting.

Ordered, That the House will meet at 11 o'clock, A.M., until otherwise ordered.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, November 20, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Reading of the Journal dispensed with.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the order was adopted to suspend the 15th and 16th of the joint rules was rejected.

The 15th and 16th joint rules.

Mr. F. W. Lincoln of Boston presented the petition of the Boston Board of Trade for a renewal of the charter of the Union Exchange Company of Boston, which was referred to the committee on the Building Act.

Union Exchange Co.

Mr. Cushing of Newburyport, the petition of John A. Lowell and others, to be incorporated as the Merchants' Fire and Marine Insurance Company of Boston, which was referred to the special committee on Insurance.

Merchants' Fire and Marine Ins. Co.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, the petition of D. K. Cross and others, for a law prohibiting the discharge of fire-crackers in Boston, and regulating the sale of fireworks, which was referred to the committee on the Building Act.

Sale of fireworks.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth on leave introduced a resolve relating to the stereotype plates of the General Statutes and Supplements, which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Stereotype plates of the Gen. Stats.

The Speaker appointed the following committees, joining them to the Senate members appointed yesterday :—

Appointment of joint special committees.

On the Municipal Loan of the City of Boston.—Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Thompson of Gloucester, Upham of Spencer, Folsom of Lowell, Brown of Adams, Quincy of Boston, Bancroft of Ayer.

On the Building Act, Streets and Grades.—Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, F. W. Lincoln of Boston, Parker of Lancaster, Corliss of Gloucester, Arnold of Northampton, Cornell of New Bedford, White of Plymouth.

On Matters of Insurance.—Messrs. Barnard of Worcester, Towne of Fitchburg, Adams of Hyde Park, Bacon of Lawrence, Benton of Brookline, Cushing of Newburyport, Stanwood of Boston.

On motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton,—

Ordered, That the House will meet to-morrow at two o'clock, P. M.

Tributes of
respect to
deceased
members.
Alfred B.
Ely of
Newton.

Mr. Winslow of Newton offered the following resolutions :—

Resolved, That in the death of Alfred B. Ely of Newton, a member of this body, we are reminded of the uncertainty of life, the mutability of human affairs, and our dependence upon Divine power.

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Ely the Commonwealth has lost a faithful servant, of clear insight and mature judgment on public affairs; this body, one of its most intelligent and conscientious members; and his associates a friend, respected and well-beloved by all; whose rare qualities of mind and heart will long be remembered and emulated by us.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased, with assurances of our sympathy with them in their great bereavement.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg offered the following :—

Wm. H.
Thomas of
Foxbor-
ough.

The House of Representatives, in special session assembled, desiring to pay its tribute of respect to the memory of William H. Thomas of Foxborough, late representative from the twelfth Norfolk district, *Resolves*,—

That in the death of William H. Thomas, the House loses an efficient and capable member; the Commonwealth a faithful servant and clear-sighted legislator, and his constituency a representative whose integrity and devotion to the right had won for him a commanding position of influence.

That we bow in humble submission to the Divine will, in accordance with which all things are ordered aright.

That we tender to the family and relatives of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy with them in the bereavement, which we feel to be ours as well as theirs.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the widow of the deceased, and that they be entered upon the records of the session.

Mr. Breed of Lynn offered the following :

John W.
Blaney
of Lynn.

Whereas, the dispensation of Divine Providence has removed from life John W. Blaney, late a member of this House, and one who by his integrity, uprightness and de-

votion to every trust, had secured a deserved influence in its deliberations,—

Resolved, That we hereby testify to our appreciation of all those qualities of mind and heart which won for him our constant respect and esteem.

Resolved, That we tender to the family of the deceased the assurance of our earnest sympathy in their irreparable loss; and that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to them.

Mr. Abbott of Malden offered the following :

Resolved, That upon re-assembling within these walls, it is with unfeigned sorrow that we miss from the roll-call, and from his seat, the familiar name and face of William M. Ashby, of the twenty-first Middlesex district, resident of Bedford.

Wm. M.
Ashby
of Bedford.

Resolved, That while we bow to the will of God, who doeth all things well, we recognize in this event and bereavement a public as well as a social affliction.

Resolved, That we are not unmindful of the fact that, in his connection with this body, we had learned to respect his many virtues and to revere his memory; and that in his death the State has lost a valuable and exemplary servant.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased, and entered upon the journal of the House.

Resolved, As a further token of respect to the memory of those of our number embraced in this and similar resolutions, the House do now adjourn.

After remarks by the gentlemen who offered the resolutions, and also by Mr. Washburn of Boston, the resolutions were adopted and the House immediately adjourned.

THURSDAY, November 21, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Gardner of Swansea, the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Mr. Root of Montague presented the petition of Nathaniel Gilmore and others, of that town, for an act to confirm certain proceedings relating to the Turner's Falls fire district.

Turner's
Falls fire
district.

district, which was referred to the special committee on Insurance.

Atlas Mut.
Fire Ins.
Co.

Mr. Stedman of Boston, the petition of John P. Treadwell and others, to be incorporated as the Atlas Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which was referred to the same committee.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Removal of
the Col-
iseum.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg on leave introduced a bill to give to the city council of Boston authority to remove the Coliseum building, which was under a suspension of the rules read three times, and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Compensa-
tion of
members.

Mr. Merritt of Springfield on leave introduced a resolution in relation to the compensation of members during the special session of the legislature, which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Extension
of tracks of
the B. H. &
E. R. R.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the petition of the trustees of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company, reported a bill to authorize the temporary extension of the tracks of said road in the city of Boston. Read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater,—

Ordered, That the House meet to-morrow at two o'clock, P. M.

Papers from the Senate.

Insurance
laws.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the special committee on Insurance be authorized to report such amendments to the laws relating to Insurance as they may deem necessary.

Dividends
by Ins. Cos.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the same committee consider and report upon the expediency of providing by law a limit to the dividends which may be declared by insurance companies incorporated by this Commonwealth.

Betterment
Act.

The petition of the mayor of Boston for an amendment of the Betterment Act; and

Erection of
buildings
in Boston.

The petition of the mayor of Boston for an act making additional provisions in relation to the erection of buildings; and

A Bill making additional regulations on this subject (introduced on leave in the Senate), were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on the Building Act.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, November 22, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Kimball of Boston presented the remonstrance of Joseph Ballard and others, against the petition for leave to lease the Old South Church; and

The remonstrance of Charles Francis Adams and others, do. against closing the Old South as a place of divine worship, or the destruction of the edifice.

Severally referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Mr. Baldwin of Worcester, the petition of Henry Chapin and others, to be incorporated as the People's Insurance Company of Worcester, which was referred to the special committee on Insurance.

Mr. Newell of Boston on leave introduced a bill to guarantee insurance by Mutual Fire Insurance Companies, which was read and referred to the same committee.

Mr. Washburn of Boston presented the petition of Wm. Evans and others, captains in the 1st Regt. of Infantry, to be remunerated for losses of clothing, &c., consequent on the late fire in Boston, which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Quincy of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing by law for incorporating in the new stereotype plates of the General Statutes, replacing those destroyed, references to subsequent legislation and judicial decisions.

On motion of Mr. Gardner of Swansea,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns it adjourn to meet at two o'clock, P. M., on Monday.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Building Act, &c., to whom was referred the Bill to incorporate the Boston Merchants' Exchange, reported that it ought to pass. *Ordered* to a second reading.

Mr. Parker of Lancaster, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Boston Board of Trade for the renewal of the charter of the Union Exchange

Company, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Discharge
of fire-
crackers,
&c.

Mr. Corliss of Gloucester, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of D. K. Cross and others, for a law prohibiting the discharge of fire-crackers in Boston, &c., reported leave to withdraw. The report was considered and accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Boston,
Hartford &
Erie R. R.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the bill to authorize the temporary extension of the tracks of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad in the city of Boston was discharged from the orders of the day, and recommit-
ted to the committee on Railways.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, November 25, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Friday was read.

Drainage
and water-
supply in
Boston.

Mr. F. W. Lincoln of Boston on leave introduced a bill to provide for a commission on the subject of the drainage and water-supply of Boston and its vicinity; which was read and referred to the committee on the Building Act, &c., and sent up for concurrence.

State print-
ers.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg on leave introduced a resolve for the relief of the state printers; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Abbott of Malden,—

Insurance.

Ordered, That the special committee on Insurance consider the expediency of reporting a bill to prevent insurance companies from forming or continuing combinations detrimental to the public interests, in raising, by said combinations, the rate of insurance to an unwarrantable sum. Sent up for concurrence.

State
system of
insurance.

The Speaker presented the petition of Albert Morgan and others, for a state system of insurance; which was referred to the special committee on that subject.

Beverly
Ins. Co.

Mr. Cushing of Newburyport, from the special committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the petition of the Beverly Insurance Company, reported that the same should be referred to the next General Court.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, from the same committee, to whom was referred an order on the subject of the limitation of insurance risks, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate.

Limitation
of insur-
ance risks.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an order on the subject of the stereotype plates of the General Statutes, reported a resolve on that subject, which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Stereotype
plates of the
Gen. Stats.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the special committee on Insurance consider whether any suitable legislation can be provided, which will limit the rates paid for insurance to those existing previous to the fire of November 9.

Insurance
rates.

The petition of A. H. C. Phelps and others, for the relief of the working-women thrown out of employment by the fire, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Municipal Loan.

Relief for
the working
women out
of employ-
ment.

Bill to incorporate the Homestead Insurance Company, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down, and was read and referred in concurrence to the special committee on Insurance.

Homestead
Ins. Co.

The petition of T. H. Smith and others, to be incorporated as the Traders' Union Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company of Boston, was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Traders'
Union Mut.
Fire and
Marine
Ins. Co.

Bill to guarantee insurance by mutual fire insurance companies came from the Senate, that branch having non-concurred in referring the same to the special committee on Insurance, and having referred the same to the next General Court. The House refused to concur in the reference last named, and the bill was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Insurance
by mutual
fire ins. cos.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the committee on the Municipal Loan, to whom was referred a bill and a petition of the mayor of Boston on that subject, reported a bill to enable the city of Boston to make and issue its bonds for certain purposes. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Municipal
loan of
Boston.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

Bill to incorporate the Boston Merchants' Exchange was read and ordered to a third reading.

Boston
Merchants'
Exchange.

Union Ex-
change Co.

Report (leave to withdraw) on the petition of the Boston Board of Trade for a renewal of the charter of the Union Exchange Company was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That the House will meet to-morrow at two o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, November 26, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Gardner of Swansea, the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That the House will meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Old South
Church.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield presented the remonstrance of Henry W. Taft and others of Pittsfield, against the closing of the Old South Meeting-house as a place of divine worship; which was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, and sent up for concurrence.

Stereotype
plates of the
Gen. State.

Mr. Baldwin of Worcester, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve relating to the stereotype plates of the General Statutes of Massachusetts, and supplements, introduced on leave by Mr. Cogswell;

Do.

And also the resolve with nearly the same title, reported by the committee on the Judiciary;

Reported that they severally ought to pass.

Severally ordered to a second reading.

State
printers.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolves for the relief of the state printers, reported against the passage of the first resolve, and also a substitute for the second, entitled "Resolve in favor of Messrs. Wright & Potter," which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Compensa-
tion of
members.

Mr. Woodward of Hubbardston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolution in relation to the compensation of members during the special session of the

legislature, reported that it ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, to whom was recommitted the bill to authorize the temporary extension of the tracks of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad in the city of Boston, reported it in a new draft, entitled "Bill to authorize the extension of railroad tracks into the burned district of the city of Boston." Read and ordered to a second reading.

Boston,
Hartford &
Erie R. R.

Mr. F. W. Lincoln of Boston, from the committee on Buildings, Streets and Grades, &c., to whom was referred the bill to provide for a commission on the subject of drainage and water-supply for the city of Boston and vicinity, reported it in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Drainage
and water-
supply for
Boston.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the mayor of Boston for amendments of the Building Act, and a bill on the same subject introduced on leave, reported a bill entitled "An Act in addition to an Act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in Boston." Read and ordered to a second reading.

Amend-
ments to the
Building
Act.

Mr. Codman of Boston presented the remonstrance of L. S. Cragin and others, against the leasing of the Old South Meeting-house, which was referred to the committee on Parishes, &c., and sent up for concurrence.

Old South
Church.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.
Fire risks,
&c.

Report of the special committee on Insurance, inexpedient, on an order relative to limitation of fire risks, &c., was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Benton of Brookline.

Report of the same committee, reference to the next General Court on the petition of the Beverly Insurance Company, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Boston Merchants' Exchange, was read and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to enable the city of Boston to make and issue its bonds for certain purposes, was read and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Newell of Boston, the bill to guarantee insurance by mutual fire insurance companies was

Insurance
by mut. cos.

taken from the table, and the House voted to insist on its reference of the same to the special committee on Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, November 27, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Gardner of Swansea, the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Removal of
the Col-
iseum.

Engrossed bill to give the city council of Boston authority to remove the Coliseum building (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Issue of
new state
bonds.

Mr. Kimball of Boston on leave introduced a bill to provide for the issue of bonds, in lieu of destroyed bonds of this Commonwealth, which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Insurance
by cities and
towns.

Mr. Abbott of Malden on leave introduced a bill relating to insurance by cities and towns, which was read and referred to the special committee on Insurance, and ordered to be printed, together with chapter 437 of the Acts of 1855. Sent up for concurrence in referring the bill to the committee.

On motion of Mr. Newell of Boston,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Friday, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Papers from the Senate.

Old South
Church.

The remonstrance of Rev. Edgar Buckingham and others, against the closing of the Old South Meeting-house as a place of divine worship, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Compensa-
tion of
receivers of
insolvent
ins. cos.

Bill in relation to the compensation of receivers of insolvent insurance companies, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Report of the special committee on Insurance, inexpedient, on an order relative to limitation of fire risks, &c., was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve relating to the stereotype plates of the General Statutes of Massachusetts, and supplements;

Resolve in relation to the new stereotype plates of the General Statutes; and

Resolve in favor of Messrs. Wright & Potter;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Resolve in relation to the compensation of members during the present session of the legislature was rejected.

Bill to authorize the extension of railroad tracks into the burned district of the city of Boston; and

Bill to enable the city of Boston to make and issue its bonds for certain purposes;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence; and the rule requiring the clerk to keep the same for the purposes of reconsideration was suspended.

Bill to provide for a commission on the subject of drainage and water-supply for the city of Boston and its vicinity; and

Bill in addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in Boston;

Were severally postponed until Friday.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, November 29, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Wednesday was read and approved.

Paper from the Senate.

Bill to empower probate courts to authorize trustees in certain cases to mortgage real estate, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, and was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Probate courts.

Mr. McLoud of Topsfield presented the remonstrance of James H. Fitts and others of Topsfield; and Mr. F. W. Lincoln of Boston, the remonstrance of Abner Phelps and others, pew proprietors; and Mr. Keith of Greenfield, the remonstrance of J. D. Canning and others of Gill; and Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, the remonstrance of Geo. W.

Old South Church.

Nesmith and others, of Franklin, N. H., against closing the Old South as a place of worship; which were severally referred to the committee on Parishes, &c., and sent up for concurrence.

Prevention
of the small-
pox.

Mr. Packard of Boston on leave introduced a bill to authorize the state board of health to take measures to prevent the spreading of small-pox; which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Issue of
state bonds.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, reported that the bill to provide for the issue of bonds in lieu of lost or destroyed bonds of this Commonwealth, ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill in relation to the compensation of receivers of insurance companies, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Resolve relating to the stereotype plates of the General Statutes of Massachusetts, and supplements; and

Resolve in relation to the new stereotype plates of the General Statutes;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Wright & Potter was read and amended and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to provide for a commission on the subject of drainage and water-supply for the city of Boston and its vicinity; and

Bill in addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in Boston;

Were severally read and amended, and ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned till 11 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

SATURDAY, November 30, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Gardner of Swansea, the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the committee on Buildings, &c., leave to withdraw on the petition of the mayor of Boston for an amendment of the Betterment Law, accepted in the Senate, came down, and was considered and accepted in concurrence.

Betterment law.

Bills :

To authorize the formation of insurance companies ;

In relation to dividends by joint stock insurance companies ;

Formation of ins. cos.
Dividends by joint stock companies.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns it adjourn to meet at two o'clock, P. M., on Monday, and that that be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered.

Hour of meeting.

Mr. Pratt of Boston presented the petition of Walter Baker, to be paid for military service performed during the late fire in Boston ; which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs, and sent up for concurrence.

Walter Baker.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bill to provide for the issue of bonds, in lieu of lost or destroyed bonds of this Commonwealth, was read and ordered to a third reading, and under a suspension of the rules, read a third time and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill in addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in Boston, was read and amended, and laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Bill to provide for a commission on the subject of drainage and water-supply for the city of Boston and its vicinity, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill in relation to the compensation of receivers of insurance companies was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Old South Church.

Mr. Wright of South Hadley, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, to whom was referred the petition of the standing committee of the Old South Society, reported a bill to authorize the Old South Church to lease real estate. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, December 2, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

Grading.

To establish a grade in the city of Boston ;

Emigrant Savings Bank.

To amend the charter of the Emigrant Savings Bank, and for other purposes ;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

1st Regt. of Infantry.

Report of the committee on Military Affairs on the petition of Wm. Evans and others, captains of the First Regt. of Infantry, that the same be referred to the next General Court, accepted in the Senate, came down, and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Insurance Commissioner to report the condition of fire ins. cos. to the next legislature.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol on leave introduced a resolve instructing the Insurance Commissioner to report a tabular statement of the standing and condition of fire insurance corporations to the next legislature ; which was read and referred to the special committee on Insurance, and sent up for concurrence.

Old South Church.

Mr. Anderson of Shelburne presented the remonstrances of E. Wight and others of Springfield, Mason Noble, Jr., and others of Sheffield, and Alanson Long and others of Boston ; and Mr. Endicott of Dedham, the remonstrance of Nathaniel Hitchcock and others of Deerfield ; and Mr. Smith of Granby, the remonstrance of P. W. Lyman and others of Belchertown ; and Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, the remonstrance of S. W. B. Davis and others of Lawrence ;

and Mr. Codman of Boston, the remonstrance of David Buck and J. L. Barry, pew proprietors in the Old South Meeting-house, against the lease of the same. Laid upon the table.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Small-pox. Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the state board of health to take measures to prevent the spreading of small-pox, reported that it ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Abbott of Malden, the bill in addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of Inspector of buildings, etc. buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in Boston, was taken from the table and considered. Mr. Abbott moved a reconsideration of the vote by which an amendment offered by him on Saturday was rejected. [The 10th section in the 26th and 27th lines reads as follows :—" All mortar shall be made with clear sand, and with lime or cement in proper proportions," &c. Mr. Abbott's amendment was to add the words "satisfactory to the inspector of buildings."] On the question of reconsidering the vote by which this amendment was rejected, Mr. Newell of Boston asked for the yeas and nays, and they were ordered; and the roll being called, there were 64 yeas and 103 nays. And the motion to reconsider was rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,	Messrs. Isaac D. Hall,
William H. Aldrich,	Franklin P. Harlow,
Lafayette Anderson,	George Hatch,
Oliver Ayers,	Horace Heard,
William Babbitt,	Amos Hill,
James P. Bacheller,	George W. Hobbs,
Alden Besse,	Samuel B. Hopkins,
Willard A. Brown,	Leverett Hopkinson,
Seneca Burr,	Ezra C. Howard,
John C. Choate,	Horace I. Joslin,
George W. Clark,	Albert F. Kelly,
Nelson Cochran,	Daniel W. Knight,
Freeborn W. Cressy,	Almond R. Lancaster,
Michael J. Croak,	Noah Lincoln,
Henry H. Faxon,	William H. Loughlin,
Francis Fisher,	Henry B. Lovering,
Job Gardner, Jr.,	Alvin Marshall,
Robert F. Gardner,	Benjamin L. Morrison,

Messrs. Rice S. Munn,
 John J. Murphy,
 John Newell,
 Liberty D. Packard,
 George H. Peabody,
 Edward Pearl,
 George O. Peck,
 William Perkins,
 Thomas W. Porter,
 John W. Robinson,
 John R. Rogerson,
 George Sheldon,
 C. B. Smith,
 Henry Splaine,

Messrs. William Taylor,
 Noah B. Thayer,
 Hugh J. Toland,
 Charles F. Walcott,
 Thomas B. Waterman,
 Nathan H. Webb,
 Tisdale S. White,
 William H. Whitfield,
 William J. Wightman,
 Ludovicus F. Wild,
 Harding Woods,
 Lyman Woodward,
 Albert J. Wright,
 Ira B. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. Henry S. Adams,
 William A. Adams,
 Horace C. Bacon,
 E. Dana Bancroft,
 Julius K. Banister,
 James M. Barker,
 Lewis Barnard,
 George Bartholmesz,
 George H. Bates,
 Austin W. Benton,
 Edward L. Bigelow,
 George B. Blake,
 William E. Blunt,
 James W. Bradley,
 Bowman B. Breed,
 Giles E. Brownell,
 Henry O. Burr,
 Michael Carney,
 John H. Church,
 Charles R. Codman,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 Benjamin H. Corliss,
 Joseph H. Cornell,
 Robert Couch,
 William A. Creasy,
 Charles Curtis,
 William Cushing,
 Christopher C. Denny,
 Elbridge C. Donnell,
 James H. Durgin,
 Augustus B. Endicott,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 Charles H. Fiske,
 Jonathan P. Folsom,

Messrs. John Gates,
 Benjamin W. Gleason,
 George Going,
 Brownell Granger,
 Edward W. Griggs,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 Southworth Harlow,
 John M. Harris,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Lot Higgins,
 Henry B. Hill,
 E. Harris Howland,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Barney Hull,
 Peter R. Johnson,
 Henry Jones,
 Jonas Kendall,
 George P. Kendrick,
 Asa Keyes,
 John W. Kimball,
 Moses Kimball,
 Charles M. Kingsley,
 William Knowlton,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 E. P. Loring,
 John McDuffie,
 Anson McLoud,
 Jeremiah L. Newton,
 Curtis C. Nichols,
 Lewis R. Norton,
 William Nutt,
 Patrick O'Connor,
 James Parker,
 Daniel A. Patch,

Messrs. Francis E. Pedrick,
 Noah C. Perkins,
 Ellis Perry,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Charles V. Poor,
 George H. Poor,
 Burton W. Potter,
 Laban Pratt,
 Samuel M. Quincy,
 Edward B. Rankin,
 Isaac N. Ross,
 Charles A. Sayward,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 Robert Seaver,
 George A. Shaw,
 James S. Shepard,
 Albert G. Sinclair,
 David N. Skillings,

Messrs. John J. Smith,
 Charles Stanwood,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 Charles P. Thompson,
 John T. Z. Thompson,
 Charles Q. Tirrell,
 Joseph R. Torrey,
 George E. Towne,
 David W. Tucker,
 Obed C. Turner,
 William Upham,
 Ansel H. Ward,
 George W. Ware, Jr.,
 Henry S. Washburn,
 Benjamin F. Wing,
 Ezra D. Winslow,
 Walter Wyman.

The bill was then further amended, and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence; and the rule was suspended by which the clerk is required to retain the bill for the purposes of reconsideration.

Engrossed bill in relation to the compensation of receivers of insolvent insurance companies (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted, and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed
bill passed.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

Bill to authorize the Old South Church to lease real estate, was read and amended, but not disposed of.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 3, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Loughlin of Lowell, the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Mr. Peabody of Salem presented the remonstrance of Augustus Mudge and others, and Mr. White of Plymouth, the remonstrance of Wm. T. Davis and others, of Plymouth, against the closing of the Old South Meeting-house as a place of worship; which were laid upon the table.

Old South
Church.

On motion of Mr. Gardner of Swansea,—

Ordered, That the committee on the pay-roll make up the mileage of the members of the House for the special session.

Mileage of
members.

Paper from the Senate.

Municipal
Loan of
Boston.

Report of the committee on the Municipal Loan, leave to withdraw on the petition of A. H. C. Phelps and others, for the relief of working-women, accepted in the Senate, came down, and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Report reference to the next General Court on the petition of Wm. Evans and others, officers of the 1st Regt. of Infantry, for an allowance for injuries to uniforms while on duty in the burnt district, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill to authorize the Old South Church to lease real estate was further considered, and the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of ordering it to a third reading. Without disposing of the bill, the House

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 4, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Street
across
South Riv-
er, Salem.

Mr. Phillips of Salem on leave introduced a bill to authorize the city of Salem to construct a street across South River; which was read and referred to the committee on the Building Act, &c., and sent up for concurrence.

Old South
Church.

Mr. Crafts of Whately presented the remonstrance of J. A. Barber and others of Northfield, against closing the Old South Meeting-house as a place of worship; which was laid upon the table.

Engrossed
bill passed.

Engrossed bill to incorporate the Boston Merchants' Exchange (which originated in the House of Representatives) was passed to be enacted, and signed and sent to the Senate.

Turner's
Falls fire
district.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, from the special committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel Gilmore and others, reported a bill to confirm certain acts of the Turner's Falls fire district, in the town of Montague; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to authorize the Old South Church to lease real estate was further considered, and the previous question

was ordered; and the question being upon ordering it to a third reading, the roll was called; and there were 144 yeas and 47 nays. And the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
John H. Abbott,
Henry S. Adams,
William A. Adams,
William H. Aldrich,
Ephraim Allen,
William F. Arnold,
William Babbitt,
James P. Bacheller,
Horace C. Bacon,
John S. Baldwin,
E. Dana Bancroft,
Julius K. Banister,
Lewis Barnard,
Austin W. Benton,
Alden Besse,
Edward L. Bigelow,
Giles E. Brownell,
Seneca Burr,
Erastus Chase,
George W. Clark,
Nelson Cochran,
John B. D. Cogswell,
Chapin Converse,
Benjamin H. Corliss,
Joseph H. Cornell,
Robert Couch,
Roswell P. Crafts,
Freeborn W. Cressy,
Charles Curtis,
Christopher C. Denny,
Elbridge C. Donnell,
James H. Durgin,
David Eastman,
Augustus B. Endicott,
George O. Fairbanks,
Henry H. Faxon,
Hawkes Fearing,
Francis Fisher,
Charles H. Fiske,
John Gates,
George Going,

Messrs. Isaac D. Hall,
John W. Hammond,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Lot Higgins,
Amos Hill,
Henry B. Hill,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
Leverett Hopkinson,
Jonas E. Howe,
E. Harris Howland,
George H. Hoyt,
Barney Hull,
George W. Humphrey,
Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
Peter R. Johnson,
Henry Jones,
Horace I. Joslin,
Timothy Keefe,
William Keith,
Albert F. Kelley,
Jonas Kendall,
George P. Kendrick,
Asa Keyes,
Moses Kimball,
Charles M. Kingsley,
Daniel W. Knight,
William Knowlton,
John A. Lamson,
Almond R. Lancaster,
Alvin Lawton,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Henry B. Lovering,
Alvin Marshall,
John McDuffie,
C. C. Merritt,
Ira L. Moore,
Benjamin L. Morrison,
John J. Murphy,
William H. Murray,
John Newell,
Jeremiah L. Newton,
Curtis C. Nichols,

Messrs. Lewis R. Norton,
 William Nutt,
 Albert Palmer,
 Ezra Parmenter,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 Noah C. Perkins,
 Ellis Perry,
 Ralph Perry,
 Josiah Peterson,
 John W. Phelps,
 Charles V. Poor,
 George H. Poor,
 Thomas W. Porter,
 Burton W. Potter,
 Laban Pratt,
 A. C. Putnam,
 Samuel B. Quigley,
 Edward B. Rankin,
 J. Henry Read,
 John W. Robinson,
 Joseph H. Root,
 Isaac N. Ross,
 Irving B. Sayles,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 Robert Seaver,
 George A. Shaw,
 George Sheldon,
 James S. Shepard,
 Simon H. Sibley,
 David N. Skillings,

Messrs. George F. Slocomb,
 John J. Smith,
 Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Chauncey L. Spear,
 Charles Stanwood,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 William Stone,
 W. C. Sturtevant,
 Charles H. Taylor,
 William Taylor,
 Noah B. Thayer,
 Charles Q. Tirrell,
 George E. Towne,
 David W. Tucker,
 Obed C. Turner,
 William Upham,
 Charles F. Walcott,
 Ansel H. Ward,
 Henry S. Washburn,
 Nathan H. Webb,
 William J. Wightman,
 Ludovicus F. Wild,
 Benjamin F. Wing,
 Ezra D. Winslow,
 Harding Woods,
 Lyman Woodward,
 Albert J. Wright,
 Ira B. Wright,
 Walter Wyman.

NAYS.

Messrs. Lafayette Anderson,
 Oliver Ayers,
 George H. Bates,
 George B. Blake,
 William E. Blunt,
 Bowman B. Breed,
 Henry O. Burr,
 Michael Carney,
 Thomas M. Carter,
 John C. Choate,
 Charles R. Codman,
 Joseph H. Cotton,
 Seth B. Crafts,
 Robert F. Gardner,
 Edward W. Griggs,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 Franklin P. Harlow,
 Southworth Harlow,

Messrs. George Hatch,
 Horace Heard,
 George W. Hobbs,
 Ezra C. Howard,
 William H. Loughlin,
 Anson McLoud,
 Patrick Murphy,
 Liberty D. Packard,
 George H. Peabody,
 George O. Peck,
 Jesse S. Pendergrast,
 William Perkins,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Samuel M. Quincy,
 John R. Rogerson,
 Charles A. Sayward,
 George F. Scribner,
 Albert G. Sinclair,

Messrs. Charles E. Slater, Henry Splaine, E. Loring Thayer, Charles P. Thompson, John T. Z. Thompson, Joseph R. Torrey,	Messrs. Edward J. Tower, Thomas B. Waterman, Tisdale S. White, William H. Whitfield, Frederick T. Whiting.
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The orders of the day were laid upon the table, upon motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, who then presented the following resolutions, which, after remarks by Mr. Cogswell, were passed and sent up for concurrence :—

Resolved, That the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in General Court assembled, have learned of the death of Horace Greeley with profound emotion. A son of New England, he became a citizen of the world. His origin was humble, but his fame penetrated alike to hovel and palace. His philanthropy was unlimited by space and universal as the family of man. His energy was intense, his industry unwearied. His career was memorable and its close impressive. He stamped his influence upon the thought of the age and the current history of America. His benevolent, earnest and eccentric character will command the respectful and affectionate remembrance of the present and succeeding generations of his countrymen.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the surviving daughters of Mr. Greeley, as an expression of the sincere sympathy felt by the legislature in view of the surprising afflictions which have overwhelmed them with grief.

The orders of the day were again taken up.

Bill to authorize the formation of insurance companies ;
and

Bill in relation to dividends by joint stock insurance companies ;

Were severally laid on the table on motion of Mr. Jernegan of Edgartown.

Bill to authorize the state board of health to take measures to prevent the spreading of small-pox was rejected.

Bill to establish a grade in the city of Boston ; and

Bill to amend the charter of the Emigrant Savings Bank,
and for other purposes ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Report of the committee on the Municipal Loan, leave to withdraw on the petition of A. H. C. Phelps and others, for the relief of working-women thrown out of employment by the recent fire, was laid upon the table on motion of Mr. Hoyt of Athol, after the question had been taken on concurring in the acceptance of the report and had been decided in the negative. On motion of Mr. Hoyt, the petition and report were ordered to be printed.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 5, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Probate
courts.

Mr. Nutt of Natick, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred Senate bill to empower probate courts to authorize trustees in certain cases to mortgage real estate, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Combina-
tions by
insurance
companies.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the special committee on Insurance, to whom was referred an order relating to combinations by insurance companies, reported inexpedient to legislate. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Mr. Abbott of Malden gave notice that he should move to substitute a bill to prevent combinations among insurance companies for the purpose of controlling the rates of insurance in this State.

State in-
surance.

Mr. Barnard of Worcester, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Albert Morgan and others, for a state system of insurance, reported that the same should be referred to the next General Court. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Insurance
by cities
and towns.

Mr. Barnard, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill relating to insurance by cities and towns, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the same. The committee was discharged, and the bill was ordered to a second reading.

Insurance
by mutual
companies.

Mr. Barnard, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to guarantee insurance by mutual fire insurance companies, reported, asking to be discharged from its further consideration. The committee was discharged, and the bill was ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve instructing the Insurance Commissioner to report a tabular statement of the standing and condition of fire insurance corporations to the next legislature, reported the same in an amended form. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Condition of
insurance
companies.

Mr. Kimball of Fitchburg, from the committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Walter Baker, reported leave to withdraw. The report was considered and accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Walter
Baker.

Mr. Norton of Westfield, from the committee on the Pay-roll, reported the schedule of mileage, with the following order, which was adopted and signed by the Speaker:—

Mileage.

Ordered, That there be paid out of the treasury, to the members of the House of Representatives, the sums set against their respective names in the accompanying schedule, amounting to two thousand and thirty-five dollars, for travel at the present extra session of the General Court.

Paper from the Senate.

Bill to incorporate the State Official Insurance Company of Massachusetts, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down, and was read and referred in concurrence to the special committee on Insurance.

State Offi-
cial Ins. Co.

Engrossed bill to enable the city of Boston to make and issue its bonds for certain purposes (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed
bill passed.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day

Bill to confirm certain acts of the Turner's Falls fire district, in the town of Montague, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to authorize the Old South Church to lease real estate was read, and Mr. Quincy of Boston moved to amend the same by adding the following to the last section: "but no action shall be taken under its provisions until it has been accepted by a legal vote of said corporation." The amendment was rejected, and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to establish a grade in the city of Boston was read and amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence; and the title amended by adding the words "and to au-

thorize the extension of railroad tracks into the burned district of said city."

Bill to amend the charter of the Emigrant Savings Bank, and for other purposes, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Belief of
working
women.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Athol, the report of the committee on the Municipal Loan, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. H. C. Phelps and others, for the relief of working-women thrown out of employment by the recent fire, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, December 6, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That hereafter the reading of the journal be dispensed with.

Fire risks.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, from the special committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's address as relates to Insurance, and an order authorizing them to report amendments to the laws on that subject, reported a bill limiting fire risks. Read and ordered to a second reading, Messrs. Whitney and Smith of the Senate dissented from the committee's report.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to empower probate courts to authorize trustees in certain cases to mortgage real estate, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Resolve instructing the Insurance Commissioner to report a tabular statement of the standing and condition of fire insurance corporations to the next legislature, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill relating to insurance by cities and towns, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Report of the special committee on Insurance, referring to the next General Court the petition of Albert Morgan and others for a state system of insurance, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the special committee on Insurance, in expe-

dient to legislate on an order relating to combinations by insurance companies, was amended by substituting a bill offered by Mr. Abbott of Malden, to prevent combinations among insurance companies for the purpose of controlling the rates of insurance in this State; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Report of the committee on the Municipal Loan, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. H. C. Phelps and others, for the relief of working-women thrown out of employment by the recent fire, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill to guarantee insurance by mutual fire insurance companies was read, but no vote was taken thereon.

The orders of the day were laid upon the table on motion of Mr. Newell of Boston; and, on his motion,—

Ordered, That the House meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock, Hour of meeting.
A. M.

Engrossed bills:

To provide for the issue of bonds in lieu of lost or destroyed bonds of this Commonwealth;

Engrossed bills passed.

To provide for a commission on the subject of drainage and water-supply for the city of Boston and vicinity;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

In favor of Wright & Potter;

Engrossed resolves.

Relating to the stereotype plates of the General Statutes and Supplements;

In relation to the stereotype plates of the General Statutes;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg asked leave to introduce a bill to amend the 161st chapter of the Acts of 1864. Pending this question, the House

Assessments of M. F. Ins. Co.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, December 7, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Paper from the Senate.

Confirming
certain acts
of S. Edwin
Ireson.

Bill to confirm certain acts done by S. Edwin Ireson as justice of the peace, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reading of
the Journal.

Mr. Abbott of Malden moved a reconsideration of the vote by which it was ordered that the reading of the journal be hereafter dispensed with; but the House refused to reconsider.

By request of Mr. Shaw of Boston, the journal of yesterday was read. And it was approved.

Amount of
fire insur-
ance paid in
1871.

On motion of Mr. Peabody of Danvers,—

Ordered, That the Insurance Commissioner be requested to ascertain, and report forthwith to the House, the amount of money paid for fire insurance in the Commonwealth during the year 1871.

S. Edwin
Ireson.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to confirm certain acts done by S. Edwin Ireson as justice of the peace, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Engrossed
bill passed.

Engrossed bill to amend the charter of the Emigrant Savings Bank, and for other purposes (which originated in the Senate), was passed to be enacted, and signed, and sent to the Senate.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The question upon granting leave to Mr. Towne of Fitchburg to introduce a bill repealing the second section of the 161st chapter of the Acts of 1864, was decided in the affirmative, and the bill was referred to the special committee on Insurance and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to guarantee insurance by mutual fire insurance companies, was read and amended, and referred to the next General Court, on motion of Mr. Stedman of Boston.

Bill to confirm certain acts of the Turner's Falls fire district, in the town of Montague, was read and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill limiting fire risks was read, and laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Jernegan of Edgartown.

Bill to empower probate courts to authorize trustees in certain cases to mortgage real estate, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve instructing the Insurance Commissioner to report a tabular statement of the standing and condition of fire insurance corporations to the next legislature, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill relating to insurance by cities and towns was read and amended, on motion of Mr. Abbott of Malden, by substituting a different draft, entitled "A Bill to incorporate towns and cities into mutual fire insurance companies at their election"; and this bill, after being amended, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to prevent combinations among insurance companies for the purpose of controlling the rates of insurance in this State, was laid upon the table on motion of Mr. Jernegan of Edgartown.

On motion of Mr. Jernegan, the bill to authorize the formation of insurance companies was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill in addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in Boston, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with amendments, came down, and was placed in the orders of the day for Monday; and the amendments were ordered to be printed.

Bill to authorize the city of Salem to construct a street across South River, came from the Senate, that branch having referred the same to the committee on Harbors instead of the committee on the Building Act, &c. The House concurred.

Inspection
of build-
ings, etc.

Street
across
South Riv-
er, Salem.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, December 9, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg offered the following order, which was rejected:—

Fire insur-
ance.

Ordered, That a committee of eight members on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed, to sit during the recess of the legislature, with instructions to examine the whole subject of fire insurance, and report to the next General Court, by bill or otherwise, and to be authorized to send for persons and papers.

Communi-
cation from
the Ins.
Com'r.

A communication was received from the Insurance Commissioner, giving information called for by an order of December 7; which was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to confirm certain acts done by S. Edwin Ireson as a justice of the peace, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to authorize the formation of insurance companies, was read, and on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, it was ordered that it be considered by sections. After debate the bill was postponed until to-morrow; and certain amendments which were offered were ordered to be printed.

Bill in addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in Boston, was considered, and the Senate's amendments were concurred in, except one in the 20th section; pending the consideration of which the House

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 10, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Paper from the Senate.

Grading in
Boston.

Bill to establish a grade in the city of Boston, came from the Senate, that branch having non-concurred in the amendment adopted by the House. On motion of Mr. White of Plymouth, the House voted to insist, and the bill was returned to the Senate.

Hour of
meeting.

On motion of Mr. Towne of Fitchburg,—

Ordered, That the House meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M., and that that be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

Bill in addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in Boston, was further considered, and the amendment of the Senate to section 20, relating to the height of buildings, was concurred in with an amendment. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to confirm certain acts done by S. Edwin Ireson as a justice of the peace, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to authorize the formation of insurance companies was further considered, and was amended but not disposed of.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 11, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol on leave introduced a resolution concerning the proposition of Senator Sumner in relation to flags and army registers; which was read and referred to the committee on Federal Relations, and sent up for concurrence.

Flags and
army
registers.

A communication was received from the Treasurer in relation to an order of the Governor and Council, directing the Treasurer to place to the credit of the fund created by chapter 238 of the Acts of 1870 the sum of \$25,000, being the value of certain land conveyed to the trustees of the Board of Education under chapter 79 of the Resolves of 1871, and asking whether additional legislation is not necessary to fully authorize such transfer. Referred to the committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

Land con-
veyed to the
trustees of
the Board of
Education.

The orders of the day were taken up,

Orders of
the day.

Bill to authorize the formation of insurance companies, was considered and amended, but not disposed of.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Old South
Church.

Bill to authorize the Old South Society to lease real estate, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with an amendment, came down and was considered, and the amendment was concurred in.

Assess-
ments of M.
F. Ins. Co.

In concurrence, the bill to amend the 161st chapter of the Acts of 1864, relating to assessments of mutual fire insurance companies, was referred to a joint special committee consisting of the Judiciary committees of the two houses (in accordance with the recommendation of the special committee on Insurance to whom the bill had been previously referred).

Compensa-
tion of mem-
bers and
chaplains.

Mr. Kimball of Boston on leave introduced a resolve, fixing the compensation of members and chaplains of the legislature for the extra session; which was read twice, and amended, and ordered to a third reading.

Engrossed
bills.

Engrossed bills:

To confirm certain acts done by S. Edwin Ireson as justice of the peace;

To empower probate courts to authorize trustees in certain cases to mortgage real estate held in trust;

(Which severally originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to authorize the formation of insurance companies, was further amended and ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 12, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Street
across
South
River.

Bill to authorize the city of Salem to construct a street across South River, passed to be engrossed in the Senate,

came down, and was under a suspension of rules read twice and ordered to a third reading.

Report of the special committee on Insurance on the bill to incorporate the State Official Insurance Company, viz., that the same should be referred to the next General Court, accepted in the Senate, came down, and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

State Off-
cial Ins. Co.

Bill to establish a grade in the city of Boston came from the Senate, that branch having insisted on its non-concurrence, and having appointed Messrs. Torrey, Boardman and Wright a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes. The House agreed to the appointment of a committee, and Messrs. Phillips of Salem, Codman of Boston, and White of Plymouth were appointed on its part.

Grade in
Boston.

Engrossed bill to authorize the Old South Society to lease real estate (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed
bill passed.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

Bill to authorize the formation of insurance companies, was read and amended, but not disposed of.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, December 13, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol presented the petition of Henry K. Oliver and George E. McNeill, chief and deputy of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, for legislation relating to fire escapes, in manufacturing and other establishments; which was referred to the next General Court.

Fire
escapes.

Mr. Potter of Worcester asked leave to introduce a resolution in relation to certain acts of soldiers and officials of the General Government in sister States of the Union; but leave was not granted.

Acts of sol-
diers and
others in
sister States.

Papers from the Senate.

Resolve instructing the Insurance Commissioner to report a tabular statement of the standing and condition of fire insurance corporations to the next legislature, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with an

Condition of
fire insur-
ance com-
panies, etc.
Bill passed.

amendment, came down and was considered, and the amendment was concurred in. Afterwards the resolve (which originated in the House of Representatives), having been engrossed, was passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Assess-
ments of M.
F. Ins. Coa.

Bill to repeal the second section of chapter 161 of the Acts of 1864, in relation to assessments of mutual fire insurance companies (being a new draft of a bill to amend said chapter, referred to the committees of the Judiciary of the two houses), passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Grade in
Boston.

Report of the committee of conference on the bill to establish a grade in Boston, came from the Senate. The committee report that they are unable to agree. It had been accepted in the Senate, and Messrs. Richardson, Carpenter and Johnson were appointed a second committee. The House agreed to the appointment of a second committee, and Messrs. Fairbanks of Fall River, Barker of Pittsfield, and Quincy of Boston were appointed.

Engrossed
bill passed.

Engrossed bill in addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in Boston (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, and signed and sent to the Senate.

Charles F.
Shimmin.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth on leave introduced a bill to confirm certain acts done by Charles F. Shimmin as a justice of the peace; which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Preaching
of the elec-
tion sermon.

Mr. Kimball of Boston on leave introduced a resolve that hereafter the annual election sermon shall be preached in the hall of the House of Representatives, which was read, and under a suspension of the rule requiring it to be referred, was ordered to a second reading.

Hour of
meeting.

On motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton,—
Ordered, That the House will meet at 11 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to authorize the city of Salem to construct a street across South River, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the special committee on Insurance, referring to the next General Court the bill to incorporate the State Official Insurance Company, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill to authorize the formation of insurance companies, was further considered and amended, and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence in the amendments, the rule requiring the clerk to keep it for purposes of reconsideration being suspended. The title was also amended by adding, "and for other purposes."

Resolve fixing the compensation of members of the legislature, and the chaplains of the same, for the present extra session, was read and amended, and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, December 14, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Newell of Boston, the petition of John H. Stark and others, to be incorporated as the Homestead Insurance Company, was taken from the table, and was referred to the next General Court.

Homestead
Ins. Co.

On motion of Mr. Newell, the bill in relation to dividends by joint stock insurance companies;

Dividends
by joint
stock insur-
ance com-
panies.
Fire risks.
Combina-
tions among
ins. cos.

Also, the bill limiting fire risks;

Also, the bill to prevent combinations among insurance companies for the purpose of controlling the rates of insurance in this State;

Were successively taken from the table, and having been read they were severally rejected.

Paper from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Commissioner of Insurance be requested to obtain, as far as may be practicable, and furnish for the information of the legislature of 1873, statistics showing the dividends of all the Massachusetts fire and fire and marine insurance companies, for the last forty years, or since their organization up to the present time. Also, the amount received in premiums, and the amount of losses paid during the same period by each. Also, the amount of capital which has been paid in and invested in insurance stock, which has been lost in whole or in part in said business; with any other informa-

Insurance
statistics or-
dered to be
furnished.

tion upon the subject which he may deem to be of service to the legislature.

Charles F.
Shimmin.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to confirm certain acts done by Charles F. Shimmin as a justice of the peace, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Engrossed
bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize the city of Salem to construct a street across South River ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

To confirm certain acts of the Turner's Falls fire district in the town of Montague ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Pay of mem-
bers and of-
ficers.

Mr. Sears of Barnstable moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the resolve fixing the compensation of the members and chaplains of the legislature was passed to be engrossed ; but the House refused to reconsider.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Resolve in relation to the annual election sermon was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to repeal the second section of chapter 161 of the acts of the year 1864, in relation to the assessments of mutual fire insurance companies, was read and postponed until Monday.

Adjourned till Monday, at two o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, December 16, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Peterson of Duxbury,—

Hour of
meeting.

Ordered, That the House meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Municipal
and state
assurance.

Mr. Ross of Holden on leave introduced a bill to provide for municipal and state assurance ; which was read and laid upon the table.

Paper from the Senate.

Report of the special committee on Insurance, referring to the next General Court the bill to amend the 1st section of chapter 224 of the acts of 1862, accepted in the Senate, came down, and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Taxation of Ins. Cos.

The orders of the day were taken up. Orders of the day.

Bill to repeal the 2d section of chapter 161 of the acts of the year 1864, in relation to the assessments of mutual fire insurance companies, was postponed until to-morrow.

Bill to confirm certain acts done by Charles F. Shimmin as justice of the peace, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Resolve in relation to the annual election sermon was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence; and the rule requiring the clerk to keep it for purposes of reconsideration was suspended.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 17, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. F. W. Lincoln of Boston, from the committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred the resolution concerning the proposition of Senator Sumner, in relation to flags and army registers, reported it in a new draft, entitled "A Resolution relating to the bill pending in Congress concerning the army registers and the national flags." Placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon. Bill relative to flags and army registers.

Messrs. Thompson, Smith and Heard dissented.

On motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton,—

Ordered, That hereafter each session of the House be considered a legislative day. Legislative day.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield presented the petition of John C. West, chairman of the selectmen of Pittsfield, and others, for a city charter to that town; which was referred to the next General Court. Petition of Pittsfield for a city charter.

Mr. Kimball of Boston on leave introduced a bill providing additional clerical assistance for the insurance department; which was read three times, under a suspension Clerical assistance for the insurance department.

of rules, and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve
passed.

Engrossed resolve in relation to the annual election sermon (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

Pay of mem-
bers, etc.

Resolve fixing the compensation of members of the legislature, and of the chaplains of the same, for the present extra session, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, with an amendment, giving the clerk of the Senate and clerk of the House \$200, came down, and Mr. Hoyt of Athol moved to concur, with an amendment, adding the same sum for the Sergeant-at-Arms. The amendment of Mr. Hoyt was rejected, and then the House non-concurred in the Senate's amendment.

N. E. Mut.
Ins. Co.

Bill to amend the charter of the New England Mutual Insurance Company, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, and was read and ordered to a second reading, and under a suspension of the rules read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Formation
of insurance
companies.

Bill to authorize the formation of insurance companies, came from the Senate, that branch having concurred with the House in its amendments, except one marked [F], in which it non-concurred, and except the ones marked [D], [F F], [G G], [I], [J] and [L], in which severally it concurred, with amendments.

In the case of the amendment at [F], the House voted to insist.

In the other cases, except at [L], the Senate's amendments to the House amendments were concurred in.

In [L], being a new section (20), the House concurred, with sundry amendments.

And the bill was sent up for concurrence.

Grade in
Boston.

The second committee of conference on the bill to establish a grade in Boston, having been unable to agree, and having so reported to the Senate, and having been discharged by that branch in concurrence, were in concurrence discharged; and on motion of Mr. Quincy of Boston, the House voted to request the appointment of a third committee. And the Chair took time to appoint the same.

Rates of
insurance.

Report of the special committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on an order of November 25 relative to

rates of insurance, accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

The resolve fixing the compensation of the members of the legislature, &c., and of the chaplains of the two branches, for the present special session, came from the Senate, that branch having insisted upon its amendments.

Pay of members, etc.

On motion of Mr. Cornell of New Bedford, the House voted to insist on its non-concurrence; and the bill was returned to the Senate.

Messrs. Thompson of Gloucester, Gleason of Stow, and Scribner of Lowell were appointed the third committee of conference on the disagreeing votes on the bill to establish a grade for the city of Boston.

Grade in Boston.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bill to repeal the second section of chapter 161 of the acts of the year 1864, in relation to the assessments of mutual fire insurance companies, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

Bill to amend the 1st section of chapter 224 of the acts of the year 1862, was referred to the next General Court, in concurrence.

Bill to confirm certain acts done by Charles F. Shimmin as justice of the peace, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolution relating to the bill pending in Congress concerning the army register and the national flags, was read, but not disposed of.

The orders of the day were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton,—

Ordered, That the House meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Hour of meeting.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 18, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Grade in
Boston.

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses, relating to the bill to establish a grade in the city of Boston, reported that the House ought to recede from its amendments. The report is signed by all the members of the committee of both branches. The report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Engrossed
bill passed.

Engrossed bill to provide additional clerical assistance in the insurance department (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, and signed and sent to the Senate.

Municipal
and state
assurance.

On motion of Mr. Ross of Holden, the bill to provide for municipal and state assurance was taken from the table, and referred to the next General Court.

Battle flags
and army
registers.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield,—

Ordered, That the question upon the adoption of the resolutions in regard to the battle-flags of the United States Army, with pending amendments and motions, be taken this day, at half-past twelve o'clock, unless sooner reached by the House.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports
(leave to
withdraw)
on the peti-
tion of vari-
ous parties
to be incor-
porated as
insurance
companies.

Reports, leave to withdraw, on the several petitions of,—

Henry Chapin and others, for the incorporation of the People's Insurance Company of Worcester;

Abraham Jackson and others, for the incorporation of the Franklin Fire and Marine Insurance Company;

George A. Curtis and others, for the incorporation of the Eliot Insurance Company;

Franklin Greene and others, for the incorporation of the Prescott Insurance Company;

James H. Lunt and others, for the incorporation of the Suffolk Insurance Company;

S. G. Rogers and others, for the incorporation of the Firemen's Fire Insurance Company.

Albert Bowker and others, for the incorporation of the North American Insurance Company;

Isaac Sweetser and others, for the incorporation of the Washington Fire and Marine Insurance Company ;

Joseph W. Balch and others, for the incorporation of the Boylston Mutual Insurance Company ;

John C. Abbott and others, for the incorporation of the Shoe and Leather Insurance Company ;

Isaac Thacher and others, for the incorporation of the Neptune Fire and Marine Insurance Company ;

John A. Lowell and others, for the incorporation of the Merchants' Fire and Marine Insurance Company ;

John P. Treadwell and others, for the incorporation of the Atlas Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company ;

Samuel Gould and others, for the incorporation of the Manufacturers' Fire and Marine Insurance Company ;

A. W. Hobart and others, for the incorporation of the Benefit Fire Insurance Company ;

Elisha Whitney and others, for the incorporation of the Boston National Insurance Company ;

A. H. Bean and others, for the incorporation of the Fanueil Hall Insurance Company ;

T. H. Smith and others, for the incorporation of the Trades' Union Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company ;

Accepted in the Senate, came down, and were considered and accepted in concurrence.

Bill to repeal the 2d section of chapter 161 of the acts of the year 1864, in relation to the assessments of mutual fire insurance companies, came from the Senate, that branch having non-concurred in the amendment adopted by the House. On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the House voted to recede.

Assessments of mutual fire insurance companies.

Resolve fixing the compensation of members of the legislature, and of the chaplains of the same, for the present session, came from the Senate, that branch having insisted on its amendment, and having appointed a committee of conference, consisting of Messrs. Potter, Noble and Brewster. The House agreed to the appointment of a committee, and Messrs. Cornell of New Bedford, Ross of Holden, and Packard of Boston were appointed a committee on the part of the House.

Pay of members, etc.

Engrossed bill to authorize the formation of insurance companies, and for other purposes (which originated in the Senate), was passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed bill passed.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to amend the charter of the New England Mutual Insurance Company, was read, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report (inexpedient) of the special committee on Insurance, on an order of inquiry relative to rates paid for insurance, was accepted in concurrence.

The resolution relating to the bill pending in Congress concerning the army registers and the national flags, was further considered.

Mr. Washburn of Boston withdrew the substitute offered by him yesterday, to wit:—

Resolved, That the Senate and House of Representatives of Massachusetts in General Court assembled, approve the action of the majority of the National House of Representatives in the matter of retaining the names of the battles of the rebellion, in the army register, and on the regimental colors of the United States.

The amendment offered by Mr. Potter, to wit, to substitute the following, was rejected:—

Army registers and national flags.

Resolved, That the people of Massachusetts have stood in the past by their senators, Charles Sumner and Henry Wilson, in their noble warfare in the cause of human liberty and the unity of the Republic, and that they will hereafter stand by them in all honorable and patriotic efforts to bring about peace and reconciliation between all sections of our common country, and all races and classes of its citizens.

Mr. Codman of Boston moved the indefinite postponement of the resolution, and on this question the yeas and nays were ordered; and, the roll being called, there were 93 yeas and 93 nays; and the motion was rejected.

YEAS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
William A. Adams,
Ephraim Allen,
William F. Arnold,
William H. Anderson,
James P. Bacheller,
Horace C. Bacon,
John S. Baldwin,
James M. Barker,
George Bartholmesz,
Austin W. Benton,

Messrs. Alden Besse,
Edward L. Bigelow,
William E. Blunt,
Giles E. Brownell,
Henry O. Burr,
John C. Choate,
Sumner U. Church,
Charles R. Codman,
John B. D. Cogswell,
Chapin Converse,
Benjamin H. Corliss,

Messrs. Seth B. Crafts,
 Roswell P. Crafts,
 William Cushing,
 Christopher C. Denny,
 Elbridge C. Donnell,
 George H. Eddy,
 Augustus B. Endicott,
 Henry H. Faxon,
 Hawkes Fearing,
 Robert F. Gardner,
 Isaac D. Hall,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 John M. Harris,
 George Hatch,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Horace Heard,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Asa A. Holton,
 Jonas E. Howe,
 Joseph S. Howe,
 E. Harris Howland,
 Timothy Keefe,
 Jonas Kendall,
 Asa Keyes,
 Moses Kimball,
 Charles M. Kingsley,
 William Knowlton,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 C. C. Merritt,
 Rice S. Munn,
 Patrick Murphy,
 William H. Murray,
 Jeremiah L. Newton,
 Lewis R. Norton,
 Albert Palmer,
 George A. Parker,

Messrs. Jesse S. Pendergrast,
 Noah C. Perkins,
 Ralph Perry,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 George H. Poor,
 A. C. Putnam,
 Samuel B. Quigley,
 Samuel M. Quincy,
 Edward B. Rankin,
 John W. Robinson,
 Joseph H. Root,
 John E. Sanford,
 Irving B. Sayles,
 George F. Scribner,
 Robert Seaver,
 George A. Shaw,
 Simon H. Sibley,
 Albert G. Sinclair,
 David N. Skillings,
 Charles E. Slater,
 C. B. Smith,
 John J. Smith,
 Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Henry Splaine,
 Charles Stanwood,
 W. C. Sturtevant,
 Charles P. Thompson,
 Edward J. Tower,
 Charles F. Walcott,
 George W. Ware, Jr.,
 Henry S. Washburn,
 William H. Whitfield,
 Ludovicus F. Wild,
 Walter Wyman.

NAYS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
 William H. Aldrich,
 Lafayette Anderson,
 William Babbitt,
 E. Dana Bancroft,
 Julius K. Banister,
 Lewis Barnard,
 George H. Bates,
 William R. Black,
 George B. Blake,
 Bowman B. Breed,
 Michael Carney,

Messrs. Thomas M. Carter,
 George W. Clark,
 Joseph H. Cornell,
 William A. Cressy,
 Freeborn W. Cressy,
 James H. Durgin,
 David Eastman,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 Francis Fisher,
 Jonathan P. Folsom,
 Job Gardner, Jr.,
 John Gates,

Messrs. George Going,	Messrs. [Charles V. Poor,
John W. Hammond,	Thomas W. Porter,
Franklin P. Harlow,	J. Henry Read,
Southworth Harlow,	John R. Rogerson,
Horatio B. Hersey,	Isaac N. Ross,
Lot Higgins,	George Sanborn,
Amos Hill,	Benjamin F. Sargent,
George W. Hobbs,	Charles A. Sayward,
Leverett Hopkinson,	Nathaniel Sears,
Ezra C. Howard,	George Sheldon,
George H. Hoyt,	James S. Shepard,
George W. Humphrey,	Reuben Sikes,
Nathaniel M. Jernegan,	George F. Slocomb,
Peter R. Johnson,	Chauncey L. Spear,
Horace I. Joslin,	Francis D. Stedman,
George P. Kendrick,	Charles H. Taylor,
John W. Kimball,	E. Loring Thayer,
Daniel W. Knight,	John T. Z. Thompson,
Almond R. Lancaster,	George E. Towne,
Alvin Lawton,	Thomas B. Tripp,
Frederic W. Lincoln,	David W. Tucker,
Anson McLoud,	Obed C. Turner,
Benjamin L. Morrison,	William Upham,
John Newell,	Ansel H. Ward,
William Nutt,	Thomas B. Waterman,
Liberty D. Packard,	Nathan H. Webb,
Ezra Parmenter,	Tisdale S. White,
Daniel A. Patch,	William J. Wightman,
George H. Peabody,	Benjamin F. Wing,
Edward Pearl,	Ezra D. Winslow,
George O. Peck,	Harding Woods,
William Perkins,	Lyman Woodward,
Ellis Perry,	Albert J. Wright,
Josiah Peterson,	Ira B. Wright.
John W. Phelps,	

The question being on the passage of the resolution, the yeas and nays were ordered, and there were 103 yeas and 76 nays; and the resolution was passed.

YEAS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,	Messrs. George H. Bates,
William H. Aldrich,	Edward L. Bigelow,
Lafayette Anderson,	William R. Black,
William H. Anderson,	George B. Blake,
William Babbitt,	Bowman B. Breed,
James P. Bacheller,	Giles E. Brownell,
E. Dana Bancroft,	Henry O. Burr,
Julius K. Banister,	Seneca Burr,
Lewis Barnard,	Thomas M. Carter,

Messrs. George W. Clark,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 Joseph H. Cornell,
 Robert Couch,
 William A. Creesy,
 Freeborn W. Cressy,
 Christopher C. Denny,
 James H. Durgin,
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 George O. Fairbanks,
 Francis Fisher,
 Jonathan P. Folsom,
 Job Gardner, Jr.,
 John Gates,
 John W. Hammond,
 Charles V. Hanson,
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 Ezra Parmenter,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 George H. Peabody,
 Edward Pearl,

Messrs. George O. Peck,
 William Perkins,
 Ellis Perry,
 Josiah Peterson,
 John W. Phelps,
 Charles V. Poor,
 George H. Poor,
 Thomas W. Porter,
 J. Henry Read,
 John R. Rogerson,
 Isaac N. Ross,
 George Sanborn,
 Benjamin F. Sargent,
 Charles A. Sayward,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 George Sheldon,
 James S. Shepard,
 Reuben Sikes,
 George F. Slocomb,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Chauncey L. Spear,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 W. C. Sturtevant,
 Charles H. Taylor,
 E. Loring Thayer,
 John T. Z. Thompson,
 Edward J. Tower,
 George E. Towne,
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 William Upham,
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 Thomas B. Waterman,
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 Tisdale S. White,
 William H. Whitfield,
 William J. Wightman,
 Benjamin F. Wing,
 Ezra D. Winslow,
 Harding Woods,
 Lyman Woodward,
 Ira B. Wright.

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 William A. Adams,
 Ephraim Allen,
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 Horace C. Bacon,

Messrs. John S. Baldwin,
 James M. Barker,
 George Bartholmesz,
 Austin W. Benton,
 Alden Besse,

Messrs. William E. Blunt,
 Michael Carney,
 John C. Choate,
 Sumner U. Church,
 Charles R. Codman,
 Chapin Converse,
 Benjamin H. Corliss,
 Seth B. Crafts,
 Roswell P. Crafts,
 William Cushing,
 Elbridge C. Donnell,
 George H. Eddy,
 Augustus B. Endicott,
 Henry H. Faxon,
 Hawkes Fearing,
 Robert F. Gardner,
 Isaac D. Hall,
 Southworth Harlow,
 John M. Harris,
 George Hatch,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
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 Henry B. Hill,
 Asa A. Holton,
 Joseph S. Howe,
 E. Harris Howland,
 Timothy Keefe,
 Asa Keyes,
 Moses Kimball,
 Charles M. Kingsley,
 William Knowlton,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 C. C. Merritt,

Messrs. Rice S. Munn,
 Patrick Murphy,
 William H. Murray,
 Lewis R. Norton,
 Albert Palmer,
 George A. Parker,
 Jesse S. Pendergrast,
 Noah C. Perkins,
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 Willard P. Phillips,
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 Walter Wyman.

The resolution is as follows :—

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,—

That whereas, A bill has been introduced into the Senate of the United States by a senator from Massachusetts, providing “that the names of battles with fellow-citizens shall not be continued in the army register or placed on regimental colors of the United States”; and

Whereas, The passage of such a bill would be an insult to the loyal soldiery of the nation, and depreciate their grand achievements in the late rebellion;

Therefore resolved, That such legislation meets the unqualified condemnation of the people of this Commonwealth.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to forward to our senators and representatives in Congress copies of these resolutions.

Mr. Gardner of Swansea moved a suspension of the rule requiring the Clerk to keep the resolution for purposes of reconsideration ; but the motion was rejected.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of members of the legislature, &c. ; which was read and ordered to a second reading, and, under a suspension of rules, was read a second time, and was amended and ordered to a third reading, and then passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. Appropriation bill.

On motion of Mr. Kimball, the House reconsidered the vote by which it refused to suspend the rule requiring the Clerk to retain the resolution relating to the bill pending before Congress concerning the army registers and the national flags, for purposes of reconsideration ; and the rule was thereupon suspended. Army registers and national flags.

The House then took a recess until 3 o'clock.

At 3 o'clock the House reassembled.

Engrossed bill to establish a grade in the city of Boston (which originated in the Senate), was passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate. Engrossed bill passed.

On motion of Mr. Wright of Boston, the House took a recess until half-past 3 o'clock.

At half-past 3 o'clock the House reassembled, but immediately took a recess until 4 o'clock.

At 4 o'clock the House reassembled.

Engrossed bills :

To amend the charter of the New England Mutual Insurance Company ; Engrossed bills passed.

To repeal the 2d section of chapter 161 of the acts of the year 1864, in relation to the assessment of mutual fire insurance companies ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

To confirm certain acts done by Charles F. Shimmin as a justice of the peace (which originated in the House of Representatives);

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Pay-roll.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the committee on the Pay-roll was directed to make up the pay-roll.

Pay of members, &c.

The report of the committee of conference on the resolve fixing the compensation of members and chaplains of the legislature, came from the Senate. The committee report that they have been unable to agree; and it appeared that they had been discharged, and that a new committee, consisting of Messrs. Johnston, Stickney and Boardman had been appointed.

On motion of Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, the House voted to recede from its non-concurrence with the Senate's amendment, and to concur with the same.

Compensation for the door-keepers, assistant door-keepers, messengers and pages.

Mr. Jernegan of Edgartown asked leave to introduce a resolve, providing additional compensation for the door-keepers, assistant doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives. Leave was granted, and the resolve was ordered to a second reading, and amended, on motion of Mr. Cornell of New Bedford, by adding a clause giving the Sergeant-at-Arms \$200, and by adding a clause making an appropriation of \$1,500; and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Afterwards the resolve came from the Senate, having been passed to be engrossed in concurrence with an amendment, enlarging the appropriation so as to cover the amount allowed to the clerks for compensation, and was concurred in.

The House then took a recess until 7 o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

At 7 o'clock the House reassembled.

Engrossed bill passed.

Engrossed bill, making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of the members of the legislature for the present session, and for other purposes (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Fixing the compensation of the members of the legislature, the Clerk of the Senate, and the Clerk of the House of Representatives, and of the chaplains of the two branches, for the present special session ;

Providing additional compensation for the doorkeepers, assistant doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives) ;

Were severally passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Norton of Westfield, from the committee on the Pay-roll, reported the schedule of compensation, with the accompanying order, which was passed and signed by the Speaker :—

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury, to the members of the House of Representatives, the sums set against their names in the accompanying schedule, amounting to forty-seven thousand two hundred dollars, for attendance at the present extra session of the General Court.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That a committee of seven members of the House, with such number of senators as the Senate may join, be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the two branches have passed upon the questions included in his address at the opening of the session, and to request him, by and with the advice of the Council, to prorogue them to the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday of January next.

And Messrs. Cogswell, Bacon of Lawrence, F. W. Lincoln of Boston, Nutt of Natick, Hall of New Bedford, Norton of Westfield, and Toland of Boston were appointed.

Sent up for concurrence and to be joined.

Afterwards Mr. Cogswell, from the committee, reported that they had waited upon the Governor and delivered the message with which they were charged, and that His Excellency had informed them that he had signed 20 acts and 7 resolves, being all which had reached him from the two branches, and that he congratulated the members upon the successful termination of the session and the judicious action which had been taken upon the several subjects

which had called for the meeting of the legislature; and that he had further expressed his good wishes for the individual health and prosperity of all the members after their return to their homes.

Prorogation.

At ten minutes before 8 o'clock, the Secretary of the Commonwealth appeared, and stated that he had been directed by the Governor, with the advice of the Council, to prorogue the legislature to the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday of January next.

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The ninety-fourth General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts convened at the State House in Boston, on the first Wednesday in January, being the first day thereof, and of the independence of the United States of America the ninety-fifth. And the members elect of the House of Representatives having assembled in the Representatives' chamber, were called to order at 11 o'clock, A. M., by Mr. Addison Gilbert of Gloucester, the eldest senior member present. Preliminary organization.

By request of the presiding officer, prayer was offered by Rev. George J. Sanger of Danvers, a member of the House.

On motion of Mr. Stedman of Boston,—

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to inform the Secretary of the Commonwealth that the House has been called to order.

And Messrs. Stedman of Boston, Buck of Southborough, Norton of Westfield, Sparks of Provincetown, and Jenkins of Abington were appointed the committee.

Thereupon, the Secretary transmitted to the House a list of all the persons returned as Representatives, with the original certificates of their election, which had been returned to his office.

On motion of Mr. Dudley of Northampton,—

Ordered, That a committee of six be appointed to collect the certificates of election held by the members elect, and ascertain whether a quorum of the House is present.

And Messrs. Dudley of Northampton, and five other members, were appointed upon this committee.

Afterwards, Mr. Dudley, from the committee, reported that a quorum is present.

Organiza-
tion.

On motion of Mr. Plunkett of Adams,—

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to wait upon the Governor, and inform him that a quorum of the House is assembled, and that the members are ready to be qualified.

And Messrs. Plunkett of Adams, Bailey of Charlestown, Sears of Barnstable, Stacey of Lynn, and Crocker of Boston were appointed.

And the committee afterwards reported that they had waited upon the Governor, and that he would forthwith attend upon the House.

Oaths ad-
ministered.

And soon afterwards, His Excellency the Governor, with the Lieutenant-Governor and the Council and the Secretary of the Commonwealth came in, and the oaths and affirmations required by the constitution and laws were administered by His Excellency to the members present, and subscribed by them; after which the Governor, with the Lieutenant-Governor and the Council and the Secretary, withdrew.

Subsequently, sundry members who had not been qualified at this time, presented themselves, and were accompanied to the Council Chamber by committees appointed for the purpose, and, having been qualified, took their seats.

Speaker
elected.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River,—

Ordered, That a committee of six be appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Speaker.

And Messrs. Fairbanks, McCleave of Nantucket, Seaver of West Roxbury, Field of Leominster, Cushing of Hingham, and Fletcher of Chelsea were appointed.

Mr. Fairbanks, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows :—

Whole number of votes,	. . .	222
John E. Sanford of Taunton,	. . .	220
Isaac D. Hall of New Bedford,	. . .	2

And Mr. Sanford having been elected, declaration was made accordingly, and the Speaker was conducted to the chair by a committee consisting of Messrs. Sanger of Cambridge and White of Plymouth.

Clerk
elected.

On motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill,—

Ordered, That a committee of six be appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Clerk.

And Messrs. Blunt, Bailey of Charlestown, Marden of Lowell, Chisholm of New Bedford, Barker of Pittsfield, and Kendrick of Worcester were appointed.

Mr. Blunt, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows :—

Whole number of votes,	. . . . .	235
Benjamin C. Dean of Lowell,	. . . . .	13
William S. Robinson of Malden,	. . . . .	64
Charles H. Taylor of Somerville,	. . . . .	158

And Mr. Taylor, having been elected, was conducted to the Council Chamber by a committee consisting of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill and Mr. Bailey of Charlestown.

And having been qualified by taking the oaths required by the constitution and laws, report was made accordingly to the House, and the Clerk entered upon the discharge of his duties.

Attest:

W. S. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

A message was received from the Senate announcing that that branch had been organized by the choice of Hon. George B. Loring of the second Essex district as President, and Stephen N. Gifford, Esq., of Duxbury, as Clerk. Senate organized.

On motion of Mr. Ladd of Springfield,—

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to inform the Senate that the House has been organized by the election of a Speaker and Clerk. Senate notified.

And Messrs. Ladd, Jones of Boston, Perkins of Ipswich, Titus of Worcester, and Parker of New Bedford were appointed the committee.

And Mr. Ladd, from the committee, reported that they had attended to this duty.

On motion of Mr. Sanger of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to inform the Governor and Council that the House has been organized by the election of a Speaker and Clerk. Governor notified.

And Messrs. Sanger, Higgins of Orleans, Hayes of Medford, Blake of Milford, and Bradley of Rockport, were appointed the committee.

And Mr. Sanger, from the committee, afterwards reported that they had attended to that duty.

On motion of Mr. Benton of Brookline,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it adjourn to Hour of meeting.

meet to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and that that be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester,—

Election of
Chaplain.

Ordered, That to-morrow, at half-past 11 o'clock, A. M., be assigned for the election of Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton,—

Drawing of
seats.

Ordered, That to-morrow, at a quarter past 11 o'clock, A. M., be assigned for the drawing of seats.

On motion of Mr. Nowell of Boston,—

Ordered, That Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, the senior member, be allowed to select his seat before the drawing.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That Mr. Hall of New Bedford, the senior member of last year, and a member of this House, be allowed to select his seat before the drawing.

On motion of Mr. Benton of Brookline,—

Sergeant-at-
Arms
elected.

Ordered, That a committee of six be appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Sergeant-at-Arms, on the part of the House.

And Messrs. Benton, White of Plymouth, Sears of Barnstable, Toland of Boston, Clark of Newburyport, and Lancaster of Haverhill, were appointed.

Mr. Benton, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows :—

Whole number of votes,	.	.	.	215
Necessary for a choice,	.	.	.	113
John Morissey,	.	.	.	184
Ormond F. Nims,	.	.	.	26
Lewis Gaul,	.	.	.	2
Wm. S. Robinson,	.	.	.	1
F. O. Raymond,	.	.	.	1
Richard Porter,	.	.	.	1

And Mr. Morissey was declared elected on the part of the House.

A message was received from the Senate announcing that John Morissey had been elected Sergeant-at-Arms on the part of that branch.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Rules and
orders.

Ordered, That the joint rules and orders of the two branches of last year be observed until otherwise ordered. Also,

Ordered, That a committee of three on the part of the Senate, and nine on the part of the House, be appointed

to prepare rules and orders for the government of the two branches.

And Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Phillips of Salem, Bacon of Lawrence, Sanger of Cambridge, Codman of Boston, Ladd of Springfield, Barker of Pittsfield, Hoyt of Athol, and Breed of Lynn, were appointed on the part of the House.

Sent up to be joined.

It came down from the Senate concurred in, and Messrs. Torrey, Wright and Brown joined.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That the rules and orders of the last House be adopted for the government of this House until otherwise ordered. Also,

Ordered, That the members of the joint committee on rules and orders on the part of the House prepare rules and orders for the government of the House.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That the Speaker issue a precept giving notice ^{Vacancy.} of the vacancy occasioned by the choice of Charles H. Taylor, a member of the House from the fourth Middlesex district, as Clerk of the House, and his acceptance of that office, and appointing a time for an election to fill the same.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the returns of votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, and other state officers, be committed to a committee consisting of Messrs. Lawrence, Giles, Todd, Baker and Dwelley, of the Senate, and Messrs. Codman of Boston, Fairbanks of Fall River, Sargent of Lowell, Mason of Plymouth, Thayer of North Bridgewater, Mayhew of Tisbury, Wilson of Boston, Porter of Beverly, and Crocker of Boston, of the House.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the returns of votes for ^{Votes for Governor, etc.} Councillors in the several councillor districts of the Commonwealth be referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Fuller, Packard and Bancroft, on the part of the Senate, and Messrs. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston, Davis of Lawrence, Hanson of Peabody, Creesy of Salem, Derby of Charlestown, Evans of Everett, Goddard of Petersham, Bardwell of Deerfield, and Dewey of Egremont, of the House.

On motion,—

A message was sent to the Senate that John Morissey

had been elected Sergeant-at-Arms on the part of the House.

Public
worship.

Ordered, In concurrence, that Messrs. Coe, Clark and Bancroft, of the Senate, and Messrs. Breed of Lynn, Hill of Stoneham, Black of Taunton, McDaniell of Cambridge, and Judd of Lee, of the House, be a committee to wait upon the Governor and Council, and inform them that the two branches are now ready to join them in attendance upon public worship.

Afterwards, Mr. Breed of Lynn, from the committee, reported that they had attended to that duty, and that the Governor had desired the Committee to inform the House that he would join them, in company with the Council, in attendance upon public worship.

Whereupon, the House
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 2, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Hanson of Peabody, a member of the House.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Drawing
of seats.

At a quarter past 11 o'clock, A. M., the House proceeded to the matter specially assigned, the drawing of seats, Messrs. Codman of Boston, and Winslow of Newton, being appointed a committee to superintend the drawing. The roll was called, and the seats were assigned by lot.

Election of
Chaplain.

At ten minutes before 12 o'clock, the House proceeded to a ballot for Chaplain.

And Messrs. Abbott of Malden, White of Plymouth, Jones of Boston, Evans of Everett, Blake of Milford, and Osborn of Fall River, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes.

Mr. Abbott, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows :—

Whole number of votes,	.	.	.	220
Necessary for a choice,	.	.	.	111
Robert G. Seymour of Boston,	.	.	.	92
E. Porter Dyer of Shrewsbury,	.	.	.	56
Mark Trafton of Charlestown,	.	.	.	49

Alexander J. Sessions of Brookline,	19
W. H. H. Murray of Boston,	2
James Freeman Clarke of Boston,	1
E. B. Fairchild of Stoneham,	1

And there was no choice.

On motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton, the House proceeded to another ballot, the same committee collecting, sorting and counting the votes.

Mr. Abbott, from the committee, reported the result of the second ballot, as follows :

Whole number of votes,	212
Necessary for a choice,	107
Robert G. Seymour of Boston,	136
E. Porter Dyer of Shrewsbury,	44
Mark Trafton of Charlestown,	29
A. J. Sessions of Brookline,	2
J. Freeman Clarke of Boston,	1

And Rev. Mr. Seymour was elected, and declaration was made accordingly.

Mr. Davis of Lawrence presented the petition of Alfred J. French of Lawrence, for the seat occupied by Horace C. Bacon ; which was laid on the table. Contested seat.

Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester offered the following order,—

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to procure, for the use of the House, twelve daily papers during the session, to be filed and placed in the room adjoining the post-office. Daily papers.

On motion of Mr. Stedman of Boston, the order was amended so that two copies of each of the twelve daily papers be procured ; and, as amended, it was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bacon of Lawrence,—

Ordered, That the Insurance Commissioner be authorized to submit in print the tabular statements of the standing and condition of the fire insurance companies in Massachusetts, as required by a resolve passed at the recent session of the legislature of 1872. Fire insurance companies.

On motion of Mr. Sanger of Danvers,—

Ordered, That the Clerk be authorized to commence the printing of the Journal of the House, and that 500 copies of the same be printed. Printing of the Journal.

The report of the joint special committee on the returns of votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, and other state officers, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence, as follows :— Votes for Governor, etc.

For Governor.

William B. Washburn of Greenfield, has	133,900 votes.
Francis W. Bird of Walpole,	59,626 “
All others have	254 “

For Lieutenant-Governor.

Thomas Talbot of Billerica, has	134,059 votes.
William L. Smith of Springfield,	60,130 “
All others have	68 “

For Secretary.

Oliver Warner of Northampton, has	134,467 votes.
George H. Munroe of Boston,	60,113 “
All others have	25 “

For Treasurer and Receiver-General.

Chas. Adams, Jr., of North Brookfield, has	134,484 votes.
Levi Heywood of Gardner,	60,214 “
All others have	12 “

For Auditor.

Charles Endicott of Canton, has	134,450 votes.
Patrick A. Collins of Boston,	59,986 “
All others have	25 “

For Attorney-General.

Charles R. Train of Boston, has	133,584 votes.
Waldo Colburn of Dedham,	60,165 “
P. Emory Aldrich of Worcester,	194 “
All others have	104 “

And the following named officers appear by said returns to be duly elected, viz. :—

Governor,—William B. Washburn of Greenfield.

Lieutenant-Governor,—Thomas Talbot of Billerica.

Secretary,—Oliver Warner of Northampton.

Treasurer and Receiver-General,—Charles Adams, Jr., of North Brookfield.

Auditor,—Charles Endicott of Taunton.

Attorney-General,—Charles R. Train of Boston.

Votes for
Councillors.

The report of the joint committee on the votes for Councillors was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence, and it appeared from the said report that the

following named gentlemen were elected in their respective districts, to wit :

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| District No. 1. | Alfred Macy of Nantucket. |
| “ “ 2. | Seth Turner of Randolph. |
| “ “ 3. | Milo Hildreth of Northborough. |
| “ “ 4. | Rufus S. Frost of Chelsea. |
| “ “ 5. | Daniel H. Stickney of Groveland. |
| “ “ 6. | Jonathan B. Winn of Woburn. |
| “ “ 7. | George Whitney of Royalston. |
| “ “ 8. | Edwin Chase of Holyoke. |

Ordered, In concurrence, that Messrs. Griffin, Johnson, and Learned, of the Senate, and Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Phillips of Salem, Hayes of Boston, Moore of Concord, Sanford of Attleborough, McDaniel of Cambridge, and Seaver of Taunton, be a committee to inform the Honorable William B. Washburn that he has been elected, in the manner prescribed by the constitution, Governor of the Commonwealth for the current political year, and that the legislature will be ready to attend upon him in taking and subscribing the oaths required by the constitution to qualify him for the discharge of the duties of the office, at such time as may suit his convenience.

Governor
and Lieut.
Governor
qualified.

Also to inform the Honorable Thomas Talbot that he has been duly elected Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth for the current political year, and that the legislature will attend to his being qualified when agreeable to him.

Mr. Cogswell, from the committee, afterwards reported that the committee had waited upon the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect, and that they had signified their acceptance of the office, and their readiness to be qualified at the earliest convenience of the two branches.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the Clerk was charged with a message to the Senate to propose a joint convention forthwith, for the purpose of administering the oaths to the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect.

And a message was afterwards received from the Senate, announcing the concurrence of that branch in this proposition.

The Senate then came in, and its President took the chair, and the two branches being in convention, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Washburn, Stickney and

Todd, of the Senate, and Messrs. Sanger of Cambridge, Hall of New Bedford, Stedman of Boston, Bagg of West Springfield, Gates of Worcester, Watson of Lowell, and Mason of Plymouth, of the House, was appointed to wait upon the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect, and inform them that the two branches are now in convention, and are ready to attend to the administration of the oaths of office.

And the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect came in, accompanied by various civil and military officers of the Commonwealth.

The oaths and affirmations of office were then, in the presence of the two Houses, and before the President of the Senate, administered to and subscribed by Hon. William B. Washburn, as Governor, and Hon. Thomas Talbot, as Lieutenant-Governor, and proclamation thereof was made by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

His Excellency the Governor then delivered an address to the Senators and Representatives.

After which the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor withdrew, the convention was dissolved, and the Senate withdrew to its chamber.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Councillors
qualified.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to Messrs. Alfred Macy, Seth Turner, Milo Hildreth, Rufus S. Frost, Daniel H. Stickney, Jonathan B. Winn, George Whitney and Edwin Chase, that they have been duly elected Councillors to advise the Governor in the executive part of the government, for the current political year.

Afterwards, a communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, which was read for information, stating to the House that he had notified the Councillors elect of their election; that they had accepted their respective trusts, and were ready to be qualified.

A message was received from the Senate proposing a joint convention forthwith, for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to the Councillors elect.

And the proposition for a convention was concurred in, and the Clerk was charged with a message to the Senate to that effect.

The Senate then came in, and its President took the chair, and the two branches being in convention, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Coe and Parsons of the

Senate, and Messrs. Blunt of Haverhill, Breed of Lynn, Sears of Barnstable, Hanson of Peabody, and Higgins of Orleans, of the House, was appointed to wait upon the Councillors elect, and inform them that the two Houses are in joint convention for the purpose of administering the oaths required by the constitution to qualify them for office.

Soon afterward the Councillors elect, Messrs. Alfred Macy, Seth Turner, Milo Hildreth, Rufus S. Frost, Daniel H. Stickney, Jonathan B. Winn, George Whitney and Edwin Chase came in, and in the presence of the two Houses, and before the President of the Senate, the oaths were taken and subscribed by them, and declaration made accordingly.

The convention was then dissolved, and the Senate returned to its chamber.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to the Governor that the Councillors above named have been duly elected and qualified to advise him in the executive part of the government for the current political year.

Ordered, In concurrence, that Messrs. Woods, Torrey and Harmon of the Senate, and Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Fairbanks of Fall River, Hoyt of Athol, Codman of Boston, Plunkett of Adams, Phillips of Salem, Benton of Brookline, Bacon of Lawrence, and Ladd of Springfield, of the House, be a committee to consider and report what disposition shall be made of the several portions of the Governor's address.

Reference of
Governor's
Address.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourn, it be to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M., to-morrow.

Hour of
meeting.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 3, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Seymour, having accepted the office of Chaplain, appeared, and prayer was offered by him.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Hour of meeting.	<p>On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,— <i>Ordered</i>, That hereafter, until otherwise ordered, the hour of meeting shall be 2 o'clock, P. M., except on Saturday, when it shall be at 11 o'clock, A. M.</p>
Woman suffrage.	<p>On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,— <i>Ordered</i>, That a committee on female suffrage, to consist of eight members on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, consider and report upon the expediency of so changing the constitution and the laws as to admit women to vote and hold office in this Commonwealth. Sent up for concurrence.</p>
Governor's Address referred.	<p>In concurrence, the following joint orders, reported by the committee appointed to consider what disposition shall be made of the several portions of the Governor's address, were adopted :—</p>
Hoosac Tunnel.	<p><i>Ordered</i>, That so much of said address as relates to the Hoosac Tunnel and to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, be referred to the committee on that subject.</p>
Railroads.	<p>That so much thereof as relates to the consolidation of Railroads and railroad legislation, to the committee on Railways.</p>
Labor question.	<p>That so much thereof as relates to Labor and the Bureau of Labor to a joint special committee, to consist of three on the part of the Senate and eight on the part of the House.</p>
Prisons.	<p>That so much thereof as relates to the State Prison, the Prison for Women and County Jails, to the committee on Prisons.</p>
State charities.	<p>That so much thereof as relates to the State Charities, to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.</p>
Militia.	<p>That so much thereof as relates to Military matters, to the committee on Military Affairs.</p>
Liquor law.	<p>That so much thereof as relates to the Liquor Law, to a joint special committee, to consist of three on the part of the Senate and eight on the part of the House.</p>
Rules and orders.	<p>Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on Joint Rules and Orders, reported that the joint rules and orders of last year should be adopted for the present, with certain amendments, as follows :— Amend Rule 1 by striking out the words "committee on Harbors" where they occur, and adding the words "and Harbors" after the words "Mercantile Affairs," so that it shall read "a committee on Mercantile Affairs and Harbors."</p>

Also by inserting, next after the last words, the words "a committee on Water Supply and Drainage."

Also, after the word "except," to insert the words "the committee on Mercantile Affairs and Harbors, the committee on Prisons."

To insert a new rule as No. 4, as follows :—

"Whenever a report is made from any committee to either House, and the subject-matter thereof is subsequently referred therein to a joint committee, such committee shall report its action to the branch in which the original report was made."

Also to insert a new rule as No. 5, to wit :—

"Whenever, upon any application for an act of incorporation, or other special legislation, the purpose for which such legislation is sought can be secured under general laws, the committee to which the matter is referred shall in all cases report leave to withdraw, or inexpedient to legislate."

To amend Rule No. 16 by striking out the words "three-fourths," and inserting instead the words "four-fifths."

To insert a new rule immediately after the last-named, to be numbered No. 00, as follows :—

"The joint committees shall make final report upon all matters previously referred to them, on or before the twenty-second day of March, unless further time be granted for cause."

Adopted and sent up for concurrence under a suspension of the rule.

On motion of Mr. Palmer of Boston,—

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed to present the thanks of the House to the Rev. George C. Lorimer, D. D., for his very able and eloquent discourse, before the executive and legislative branches of the government, on the 1st inst., and to request a copy of the same for the press. Election sermon.

And Messrs. Palmer of Boston, Winslow of Newton, and Hanson of Peabody, were appointed the committee.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 4, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Rules and
orders.

Messrs. Bacon of Lawrence, and Barker of Pittsfield, from the committee appointed to prepare rules and orders for the government of the House, reported that the rules and orders of the last House be adopted for the government of this House, with the following amendments, to wit:—

First. In Rule 12, line five, insert after the word "debate" the words "except as provided in Rule 13."

Second. Insert after Rule 12 a new rule, to be numbered Rule 13, as follows, to wit:—

Rule 13. "Where debate is closed by the ordering of the previous question, or by vote of the House, the person in charge of the measure under consideration shall be allowed to speak ten minutes, and may grant to any other member any portion of his time." The member introducing a measure not yet referred, or the chairman (or member making the report) of the committee last reporting upon it, shall respectively bedeed the person in charge.

Third. Strike out from line three of Rule 23 the words "of the majority."

Fourth. Insert, after Rule 43, a new rule, as follows, to wit:—

Rule 00. "Committees shall make final report upon all matters previously referred to them, on or before the twenty-second day of March, unless further time be granted for cause."

Fifth. Insert, after the new rule last reported, a new rule, as follows, to wit:—

Rule 00. "Whenever, upon any application for an act of incorporation, or other special legislation, the purpose for which such legislation is sought can be secured under general laws, the committee to which the matter is referred shall, in all cases, report leave to withdraw or inexpedient to legislate."

Sixth. Modify Rule 65, so that it will read as follows, to wit:—

Rule 00. "In considering the orders of the day, matters not giving rise to debate shall be first disposed of, and, upon the first call of the orders, a motion that a subject

lie upon the table shall be equivalent to a notice of an intention to debate, and the matter shall not be laid upon the table, but shall be passed.

Seventh. In Rule 38, strike out the words "fifty-two, fifty-three and sixty," and insert in place thereof the words "fifty-five, fifty-six and sixty-three."

Also, in Rule 48, strike out the words "seventeenth," and insert in place thereof the word "eighteenth."

Eighth. That the rules be re-numbered in accordance with the foregoing amendments.

The report was adopted.

The report of the committee on Joint Rules and Orders came down from the Senate, with an amendment striking out that portion of the report which consolidated the committee on Mercantile Affairs and the committee on Harbors; and,

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the House concurred with the Senate amendment, with an amendment striking out the words "and Harbors" after the words "Mercantile Affairs" and before the words "the committee on Prisons."

Mr. Palmer of Boston, from the committee appointed to present the thanks of the House to Rev. Dr. Lorimer, for the election sermon, and to request a copy for the press, made a verbal report, that the reverend gentleman had complied with the request of the House; and offered the following order:—

Printing of
election
sermon.

Ordered, That three thousand copies of the sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Lorimer be printed, under the direction of the committee on Printing, for the use of the executive and legislative branches of the government.

The Speaker appointed the standing committees of the House as follows:—

Standing
committees
of the
House.

On the Judiciary.—Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Sanger of Cambridge, Soule of Springfield, John E. Fitzgerald of Boston, Blunt of Haverhill, Hammond of Cambridge, and Ely of Dedham.

On Matters of Probate and Chancery.—Messrs. Mason of Plymouth, Keith of Abington, Clark of Boston, Titus of Worcester, Loughlin of Lowell, Judd of Lee, and Cook of Boston.

On Finance.—Messrs. Phillips of Salem, Benton of Brookline, Patch of Boston, Jenkins of Abington, Learned

of Pittsfield, Sanford of Attleborough, and Chapin of Holyoke.

On Elections.—Messrs. Bigelow of Marlborough, Ingalls of Marblehead, Hawley of Sandisfield, Regan of Boston, Copeland of Easton, Atherton of Warwick, and Bonner of Boston.

On Bills in the Third Reading.—Messrs. Crocker of Boston, Studley of Charlestown, Briggs of Amesbury, Phillips of Hanson, Morton of Boston, Fletcher of Littleton, and Aldrich of Prescott.

On Engrossed Bills.—Messrs. Waters of Webster, Sanborn of Salem, Buck of Hopkinton, Packard of Goshen, Morgan of Brimfield, Dean of Haverhill, Gove of Randolph.

On County Estimates.—Messrs. Higgins of Orleans, Field of Leverett, Hollis of Brighton, Truesdell of West Stockbridge, Dyer of Weymouth, Sweet of Norton, and Woods of Huntington.

On the Pay-Roll.—Messrs. Howes of Dennis, Fisher of Franklin, Marion of Burlington, Stewart of Colerain, Shaw of Middleborough, Morrill of Salisbury, and T. F. Fitzgerald of Boston.

On Leave of Absence.—Messrs. Salmon of Boston, Walker of Templeton, Coney of North Reading, Shumway of Dover, Humphrey of Marblehead, Clark of Montgomery, and Woodbury of Charlton.

On Public Buildings.—Messrs. White of Windsor, Haynes of Townsend, Heath of Douglas, Walcott of Longmeadow, Buck of Southborough, Capen of Stoughton, and Crittenden of Hawley.

On Printing.—Messrs. Calley of Saugus, Burnett of Belchertown, McCleave of Nantucket, Cronin of Boston, Sawtelle of New Bedford, Bement of Buckland, and Scanell of Boston.

Joint
standing
committees.

In concurrence, the joint standing committees were appointed as follows :—

On Agriculture.—Messrs. Woods and Dwelley, of the Senate; and Messrs. Moore of Concord, Perley of Boxford, Belding of Northfield, Davis of Cohasset, and Mayhew of Tisbury, of the House.

On Banks and Banking.—Messrs. Stickney and Giles, of the Senate; and Messrs. Couch of Newburyport, Holmes of Fall River, Cummins of Woburn, Evans of Everett, and Gleason of New Braintree, of the House.

On Claims.—Messrs. Johnson and Parsons, of the Sen-

ate; and Messrs. Dudley of Northampton, Goddard of Petersham, Morse of Cambridge, Talbot of Dighton, and Perkins of Ipswich, of the House.

On Education.—Messrs. Learned and Washburn, of the Senate; and Messrs. Sanger of Danvers, Packard of Boston, Field of Leominster, Marden of Lowell, and Billings of Sharon, of the House.

On Federal Relations.—Messrs. Torrey and Lawrence, of the Senate; and Messrs. Gilbert of Gloucester, Sparks of Provincetown, Taylor of Boston, Holmes of Bridgewater, and Smith of Cambridge, of the House.

On the Fisheries.—Messrs. Woodwell and Nye, of the Senate; and Messrs. Whitfield of Fairhaven, Bailey of Kingston, Skinner of Milford, Smith of Boston, and Pierce of Arlington, of the House.

On Harbors.—Messrs. Johnson, Washburn and Nye, of the Senate; and Messrs. Hayes of Boston, Fitz of Chelsea, Seaver of West Roxbury, Creesy of Salem, Sprague of Framingham, Wilson of Boston, Wing of Dartmouth, and Cushing of Hingham, of the House.

On the Library.—Messrs. Woods, Lawrence and Packard, of the Senate; and Messrs. Howard of Northbridge, Goddard of Princeton, and Sawyer of Harvard, of the House.

On Manufactures.—Messrs. Clark and Whiting of the Senate; and Messrs. Bagg of West Springfield, Davis of Lawrence, Thayer of North Bridgewater, Wallace of Fitchburg, and Porter of Braintree, of the House.

On Mercantile Affairs.—Messrs. Fuller, Woodwell and Todd, of the Senate; and Messrs. Bailey of Charlestown, Phelps of Springfield, Knight of Boston, Blankinship of Marion, Roberts of Waltham, of the House.

On Insurance.—Messrs. Wright, Learnard and French, of the Senate; and Messrs. Ladd of Springfield, Johnson of Lowell, Harlow of Shrewsbury, Ryder of Foxborough, and Bigelow of Boston, of the House.

On Military Affairs.—Messrs. Wright and Thompson, of the Senate; and Messrs. Hoyt of Athol, Carruth of Chelsea, Splaine of Boston, Porter of Beverly, and Derby of Charlestown, of the House.

On Parishes and Religious Societies.—Messrs. Coe and Giles, of the Senate; and Messrs. Cross of West Boylston, Snow of Brewster, Ide of Medway, Allen of Hamilton, and Bachelder of Holliston, of the House.

On Prisons.—Messrs. Potter, Coe and Thompson, of the Senate; and Messrs. Winslow of Newton, Jones of Boston, Dewey of Egremont, Stacey of Lynn, Blake of Milford, Bonney of Hadley, Carpenter of Southbridge, and Black of Taunton, of the House.

On Public Charitable Institutions.—Messrs. Fuller and Griggs of the Senate; and Messrs. Stedman of Boston, Breed of Lynn, Gates of Worcester, Stone of Wellfleet, and Toland of Boston, of the House.

On Public Lands.—Messrs. Bancroft and Packard, of the Senate; and Messrs. Currier of Newburyport, Dean of Freetown, Hatch of Marshfield, Frost of Boston, and Hildreth of Worcester, of the House.

On Railways.—Messrs. Carpenter, Baker and Wallace, of the Senate; and Messrs. Codman of Boston, Fairbanks of Fall River, Barker of Pittsfield, Bacon of Lawrence, Watson of Lowell, Chisholm of New Bedford, Wellington of Worcester, and Baker of Lunenburg, of the House.

On Horse Railways.—Messrs. Brown, French and Baird, of the Senate; and Messrs. Palmer of Boston, Sargent of Lowell, Read of Westford, Darby of Adams, Heath of Boston, French of Springfield, Samson of Charlestown, and Winslow of Worcester, of the House.

On Roads and Bridges.—Messrs. Lobdell and Todd, of the Senate; and Messrs. Abbott of Malden, Clark of Newburyport, Norton of Westfield, Sears of Barnstable, and Brownell of Westport, of the House.

On the State House.—Messrs. Parsons and Banister, of the Senate; and Messrs. Tarr of Gloucester, Kentfield of Chicopee, Wiley of Charlestown, Berry of North Andover, and Clatur of Boston, of the House.

On Towns.—Messrs. Griffin and Morse, of the Senate; and Messrs. Hayes of Medford, Nowell of Boston, Kendrick of Worcester, Ladd of Sturbridge, and Purrington of Mattapoisett, of the House.

On the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.—Messrs. Johnson, Wood and Learned, of the Senate; and Messrs. Plunkett of Adams, White of Plymouth, Osborn of Fall River, Granger of Boston, Fletcher of Chelsea, Whitman of Billerica, Hill of Stoneham, and Lancaster of Haverhill, of the House.

In concurrence, the following committees were appointed

on subjects brought to the attention of the legislature by the Governor in his address :—

Committees
on Govern-
or's ad-
dress.

On the Liquor Law.—Messrs. Coe, Bancroft and Merrill, of the Senate; and Messrs. Hanson of Peabody, Hall of New Bedford, Bradley of Rockport, Hull of Boston, Saunders of Pepperell, Bartholmesz of Boston, Hunt of Weymouth, and Morse of Millbury, of the House.

On Labor and the Bureau of Statistics of Labor.—Messrs. Griffin, Packard and Thompson, of the Senate; and Messrs. Berdge of Lynn, Shattuck of Boston, Bowker of Boston, Stetson of Quincy, Lewis of Walpole, Parker of Northborough, Scott of Blackstone, and Parker of New Bedford, of the House.

The Speaker announced that there were three vacancies to be filled on the committee on Mercantile Affairs, that he had not appointed the House members of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, and that the following were the House members of the joint special committee on Woman Suffrage :—

Vacancies.

Woman suf-
frage.

Messrs. Stone of West Brookfield, Hopkins of Boston, Allen of Lynn, Hayden of Boston, Hurlbut of Sudbury, Hutchinson of Boston, Burt of Amherst, and Seaver of Taunton.

The monitors were appointed as follows :—

Monitors.

First Division.—Messrs. Chamberlain and Hill of Boston.

Second Division.—Messrs. Edwards of Watertown and Gardner of Hancock.

Third Division.—Messrs. Hardy of Natick and Noyes of North Bridgewater.

Fourth Division.—Messrs. Britton of Wakefield and Bardwell of Deerfield.

Fifth Division.—Messrs. Shaw of Palmer and Robinson of Sandwich.

Sixth Division.—Messrs. Whitney of Ashburnham and Griffin of Gloucester.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth be requested to furnish a list of the applications to the General Court, filed in his office, under chapter 2 of the General Statutes, and that the same be printed.

Applica-
tions on file.

On motion of Mr. Benton of Brookline,—

Ordered, That the Clerks of the two branches cause to

be prepared a list of the committees, in suitable memorandum form, for the use of the members of the legislature. Sent up for concurrence.

List of the
committees.

On motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill,—

Ordered, That the Clerks of the two branches cause to be printed and bound in suitable form, 2,500 copies of the rules and orders of the two branches, with lists of the several standing and special committees, together with such other matter as may be considered practicable, in a legislative manual. Sent up for concurrence.

Finances.
Committee
on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem,—

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's address as relates to the finances of the State be referred to the committee on Finance; and that said committee, in the consideration of matters referred to them, have authority to send for persons and papers and to employ clerical assistance.

Amend-
ment of elec-
tion laws.

On motion of Mr. Splaine of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to consider the existing laws relative to elections, and report to this body such amendments to the same, or such a bill as shall, in their opinion, place the ballot-box as far beyond the reach of corruption and fraud as possible.

1st Bat. of
Light Artill-
ery, M. V.
M.

Mr. Granger of Boston presented the petition of Major Dexter H. Follett, commanding the First Battalion of Light Artillery, M. V. M., asking compensation for amount paid for the muster-field in the year 1872; which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Marble-
head and
Lynn R. R.

Mr. Stacey of Lynn, the petition of the Marblehead and Lynn Railroad, for an extension of time to complete their railroad; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Baldwin
Manufactur-
ing Co.

Mr. Marden of Lowell, the petition of the Baldwin Manufacturing Company, for an increase of capital stock; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Division of
town of
Abington.

Mr. Jenkins of Abington, the petition of Amos Reed and 379 others, citizens of Abington, in relation to the division of the town of Abington; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Contested
seat.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Lawrence, the petition of Alfred J. French, for the seat occupied by Horace C. Bacon, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Elections.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, January 6, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

The estimates of expenses for the support of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury, and of the State Primary School at Monson, for the current year, were received from the superintendents of those institutions, and were severally referred to the committee on Finance.

Tewksbury
Almshouse.
State Prim-
ary School.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of the selectmen of Arlington, for authority to take water from Vine Brook, was taken from the files of last year, and referred in concurrence to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Vine Brook.

In concurrence, a bill to enlarge the territory and unite certain towns and cities with the city of Boston, was referred to the committee on Towns.

Annexation
to Boston.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Towns be instructed to print forthwith, for the use of the Senate and House of Representatives, the usual number of copies of a bill entitled, "A bill to enlarge the territory, and unite certain towns and cities with the city of Boston."

Printing of
annexation
bill.

Mr. Clark of Boston presented the petition of the Dorchester Gas Light Company, for an increase of capital stock; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Dorchester
Gas Light
Co.

Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford, the petition of the New Bedford Gas Company, for an increase of capital stock; which was referred to the same committee.

New Bed-
ford Gas Co.

Mr. Clark of Boston, the petition of the Third Religious Society in Dorchester, for re-organization, &c.; which was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Third Reli-
gious Soci-
ety, Dor-
chester.

Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, the petition of Daniel B. Eddy and others of Somerset, asking for authority to re-organize a religious society; which was referred to the same committee.

Reorgani-
zation of a
religious so-
ciety.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, the petition of the Hinkley and Williams Works, for change of name; which was referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Hinkley &
Williams
Works.

Mr. Dudley of Northampton, the petition of the trustees of the Smith Charities, for amendment of charter; which

Smith Char-
ities.

was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

West Ames-
bury R. R.
Co.

Mr. Briggs of Amesbury, the petition of the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company, for authority to unite with a corporation of the same name in New Hampshire; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Henry C.
Gilbert.

Mr. Hardy of Natick, the petition of Henry C. Gilbert, for state aid; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

George H.
Johnston.

Mr. Wilson of Boston, the petition of George H. Johnston, late colonel of the First Infantry, M. V. M., for relief; which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

William L.
Hicks.

Mr. Palmer of Boston, the petition of William L. Hicks, assistant clerk of the municipal court for the southern district of Boston, for an increase of salary; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reading of
the journal.

On motion of Mr. Sears of Barnstable,—

Ordered, That hereafter the reading of the journal be dispensed with, unless otherwise ordered or called for by a member of the House.

Committee
on elections.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Marlborough,—

Ordered, That the committee on Elections have power to send for papers and persons.

Poll tax.

On motion of Mr. White of Plymouth,—

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee consider the expediency of so amending the laws in relation to taxation that a poll-tax shall be taken as equal to a valuation of \$2 in property, or of repealing all laws that require a payment of a poll-tax as necessary to the qualification of a voter.

Opinion of
supreme
judicial
court rela-
tive to an-
nexation.

On motion of Mr. Benton of Brookline,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of requiring the opinion of the justices of the supreme judicial court upon the following question:—"Does the constitution authorize the General Court to annex a town, or a part of a town, containing less than 12,000 inhabitants, to a city already erected and constituted?"

Member
qualified.

Mr. Liberty D. Packard of Boston, representative from the twelfth Suffolk district, who had been unable heretofore to take his seat, presented his credentials, and was conducted to the Council Chamber by a committee consisting of Mr. Shattuck of Boston, and having been qualified

by taking the oaths and affirmations required by law, report was made accordingly, and he took his seat.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 7, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Benton of Brookline presented the petition of the town of Brookline, for liberty to divert the waters of Muddy River; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Mr. Morse of Cambridge, the petition of the city of Cambridge, for such legislation as shall secure forever the present area of Charles River Basin; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Hollis of Brighton, the petition of Messrs. E. D. Winslow, William C. Greene and F. Haskins, to be incorporated as the Tremont Market Company; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Mr. Winslow of Newton, the petition of Messrs. E. Tourjée, C. W. Cushing, W. C. Greene and Henry Baldwin, to be incorporated as the Newton Improvement Company; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Morse of Cambridge, the petition of the city of Cambridge, for an act annexing to said city certain portions of Belmont and Watertown; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Mr. Johnson of Lowell, the petition of the Lowell Bleachery, to enter into contract for mutual insurance with other companies; which was referred to the committee on Insurance.

Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford, the petition of the Gosnold Mills Company, for an increase of capital; which was referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Bartholmesz of Boston, the petition of the Highland Street Railway Company, for authority to extend the location of its tracks; which was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

On motion of Mr. Benton of Brookline, the petition of W. A. Humphrey and others, with accompanying documents, in relation to the annexation of the town of Brookline to the city of Boston, was taken from the files of last year, and referred to the committee on Towns.

Mr. Benton also presented the petition of John W. Candler, in aid of the above petition ; which was referred to the same committee.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

Laying out
of ways in
Brookline.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, the petition of the town of Brookline, for authority to lay out ways without being compelled to build the same within the time now fixed by law ; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Revision of
election
laws.

Mr. Wilson of Boston, the petition of William A. Simmons and others, of Boston, for a revision of the election laws ; which was referred to the same committee.

Dwelling-
houses on
unhealthy
land.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, the petition of the town of Brookline, for authority to prohibit the building of dwelling-houses on unhealthy lands ; which was referred to the same committee.

Papers from the Senate.

Support of
insane per-
sons.

The petition of the mayor of Boston, concerning the support of certain insane persons, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Roxbury
Gas Co.

The petition of the Roxbury Gas Light Company, for an increase of its capital stock, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Manufactures.

Old Colony
Railroad Co.

The petition of the Old Colony Railroad Company, for a confirmation of location and authority to issue stock, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Equaliza-
tion of sala-
ries.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a joint special committee, consisting of the committee on the Treasury on the part of the Senate, and the committee on Finance on the part of the House, be appointed for the purpose of revising the list of salaries and rates of compensation paid to clerks in the various departments, and other employes in the State House, with a view of establishing more equal salaries, and of preventing the necessity of voting extra compensation at the close of the session of the legislature.

Nickerson's
Wharf Co.

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Nickerson's Wharf Company, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down, and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Committee
on Rail-
ways.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways be authorized to send for persons and papers, and to employ clerical assistance.

On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston,—

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee consider what further legislation is required, if any, to prevent the spread of small-pox and other contagious diseases.

Prevention of contagious diseases.

On motion of Mr. Loughlin of Lowell,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending the constitution, as to admit persons unable to read and write to the same rights of suffrage as other citizens.

The reading and writing clause.

On motion of Mr. Hammond of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to consider the expediency of repealing or amending chapter 274 of the acts of 1872.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, on leave, introduced a resolve authorizing the re-stereotyping and re-printing of so much of the second volume of the Provincial laws of the late Province of Massachusetts Bay as have been destroyed in the late conflagration in the city of Boston, and appropriating six thousand dollars to defray the expense of the same; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

Provincial Laws.

Ordered, In concurrence, that rule 1 of the joint rules and orders of the two branches be amended by inserting after the words "the committee on Prisons," in the second place where they occur, the words, "the committee on Water Supply and Drainage."

Committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 8, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

A communication was received from the Hon. Oliver Warner, Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the commissioners on Public Lands, which was referred to the committee on Public Lands; also, the annual report of the inspectors and officers of the Massachusetts State Prison; which was referred to the committee on Prisons.

Commissioners on Public Lands.

State Prison.

Also, the annual reports of the officers of the State Reform School, the State Industrial School for Girls, the State Lunatic Hospitals at Northampton, Taunton and Worcester, State Workhouse at Bridgewater, State Primary School and Almshouse at Monson, State Almshouse

Reform School. Industrial School for Girls. Lunatic Hospitals. State Almshouses.

Primary
School.
School for
Idiota.

at Tewksbury, and the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-minded Youth; which were severally referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions and sent up for concurrence.

Vermont &
Mass. R. R.
Company.

Mr. Wallace of Fitchburg, presented the petition of the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Company, for an act of consolidation; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Public land-
ing places in
Milton.

Mr. Billings of Sharon, the petition of the town of Milton, concerning the public landing places in said town; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Annexation
of Water-
town to
Cambridge.

Mr. Edwards of Watertown, the remonstrance of the selectmen of Watertown and others, against the petition of Joseph Bird and others for setting off a part of Watertown to Cambridge; which was referred to the same committee.

Cockeast
Pond.

Mr. Brownell of Westport, the petition of the town of Westport for an act to control and regulate the fishery of Cockeast Pond; which was referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Parsonage
property in
Tisbury.

Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, the petition of Bartlett Pease and others in regard to certain parsonage property situated in Tisbury; which was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Savings
Bank in
Florence.

Mr. Dudley of Northampton, the petition of George A. Burr and others for the establishment of a savings bank in the village of Florence, town of Northampton; which was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Voting lists.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Wilson of Boston, the petition of the city of Boston for the passage of an act to change the mode of preparing voting lists in said city; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Clerk of
Dis. Court
of E. Nor-
folk.

Mr. Potter of Braintree, the petition of J. White Belcher, clerk of the District Court of East Norfolk, for an increase of salary, and others in aid of the same; which was referred to the same committee.

Estimates
for 1873.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth transmitted estimates received from the heads of the departments for the year 1873; which were referred to the committee on Finance.

Applica-
tions to the
General
Court.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth also transmitted a list of the applications to the General Court under the provisions of chapter 2, sections 8 and 10, of the General

Statutes ; which was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of John A. Beckerman and others, for a division of the town of Sandwich, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns. Division of Sandwich.

The petition of David Coolidge and 150 others, tax payers of Brookline, in favor of the annexation of that town to the city of Boston, was referred in concurrence to the same committee. Annexation of Brookline.

The petition of the State Temperance Alliance for a change in the liquor law, relating to the sale of beer and other fermented liquors, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Liquor Law. Liquor law.

The petition of Edward Whitney and others, for an incorporation as the Boston Tow Boat Company, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Boston Tow Boat Co.

The petition of Dr. Henry Lyon and others, for an act to incorporate the Charlestown Free Dispensary and Hospital, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Charlestown Free Dispensary and Hospital.

The report of the committee on Harbors, on the petition of the Mystic River Corporation, was taken from the files and referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors. Mystic River Corporation.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railways consider the expediency of authorizing railroad corporations by general laws to take such additional land as may be necessary, in the judgment of the board of Railroad Commissioners, for the convenient and more efficient operation of their roads. Land for railroads.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Charitable Institutions be authorized to visit such institutions at such times as they may deem expedient. Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

A bill to incorporate the New Bedford Railroad and for other purposes, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways. New Bedford R. R.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol, on leave, introduced a bill to establish the District Court of North-West Worcester, which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. District Court for North-West Worcester.

Assembling
on side-
walks.

On motion of Mr. Sprague of Framingham,—

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be requested to consider the expediency of reporting a bill providing therein that it shall be illegal for more than three persons to assemble upon any sidewalk adjacent to any public way or street in any town or city in this Commonwealth.

Marriage
laws.

On motion of Mr. Ide of Medway,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 14 of chapter 106 of the General Statutes, so that clergymen residing in any other State may solemnize marriage in this Commonwealth on filing a certificate of his residence, date of ordination and of denominational order, in the office of the town clerk, or that of the city clerk of any town or city where the marriage may legally take place.

Property
rights of
widows.

On motion of Mr. Sprague of Framingham,—

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be requested to consider and report upon the expediency of so amending section 15 of chapter 90 of the General Statutes, that when a man dies seized of lands, tenements or hereditaments and leaving a widow but no issue, the widow, in lieu of dower, shall be entitled to the whole of said estate during her natural life.

Qualifica-
tions of wit-
nesses in
courts.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire and report whether any legislation is necessary with regard to the qualifications of witnesses in courts of justice.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 9, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Middlesex
Horse Rail-
road Co.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown presented the petition of the Middlesex Horse Railroad Company for an extension of the run of their cars in the city of Boston; also, petitions from 6,847 citizens of Charlestown, from 907 citizens of Malden, from 564 citizens of Medford, from 687 citizens of Everett, and from 1,322 citizens of Somerville, total 10,630 citizens, in aid of the same; which were severally referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Boston,
Barre and

Mr. Wellington of Worcester, the petition of the Bos-

ton, Barre and Gardner Railroad Corporation, for an extension of time and for other purposes; which was referred to the committee on Railways. Gardner Railroad.

Mr. Morse of Cambridge, the petition of Alexander McDonald and sixty-five others, citizens of Belmont, for an act annexing a certain part of said town to the city of Cambridge; which was referred to the committee on Towns. Annexation of Belmont to Cambridge.

Also the petition of Joseph Bird and forty-five others, citizens of Watertown, for an act annexing a certain part of said town to the city of Cambridge; which was referred to the same committee. Annexation of Watertown to Cambridge.

Mr. Winslow of Newton, the petition of Messrs. William Clafin, J. H. Chadwick and E. Tourjée, for incorporation as the South Framingham Camp Meeting Association; which was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. South Framingham Camp Meeting Association.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of the Union Hall Association, for an increase of capital, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Union Hall Association.

A bill to prevent the taking of tame doves by snares, traps or otherwise, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Agriculture. Tame doves.

On motion of Mr. Cushing of Hingham,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education inquire into the expediency of so modifying the laws in relation to reading the Bible in public schools, that full power be given to the school committee in each city and town to regulate this matter as they may deem expedient. The Bible in public schools.

On motion of Mr. Sanger of Danvers,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education be authorized to visit the normal schools at such times as they may deem it expedient. Visits to normal schools.

On motion of Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of increasing the compensation of sheriffs' jurors. Pay of sheriffs' jurors.

On motion of Mr. Keith of Abington,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 25, chapter 165, Gen- Imprisonment for drunkenness.

eral Statutes, so that for the first offence of drunkenness imprisonment in the house of correction or any town lock-up in the county where the offence is committed, for a term not exceeding ten days, may be imposed in addition to or in lieu of fine and costs.

The following resolve, offered by Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, was introduced on leave by a vote of 92 to 44 :—

The constitution—
reading and
writing
clause.

Resolved, By both Houses (the same being agreed to by a majority of the senators and two-thirds of the members of the House of Representatives present and voting thereon), that it is expedient to alter the constitution of the Commonwealth, by adopting the subjoined articles of amendment, and that the same, as thus agreed to, be entered on the journals of the two houses, with the yeas and nays taken thereon, and referred to the General Court next to be chosen; and that the same be published, to the end that if agreed to by the General Court next to be chosen, in the manner provided by the constitution, it may be submitted to the people for their ratification, in order that it may become a part of the constitution of this Commonwealth :—

Article of Amendment.—Article twentieth of the amendments of the constitution, ratified by the people on the first day of May, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, which is as follows, to wit: "No person shall have the right to vote, or be eligible to vote under the constitution of this Commonwealth, who shall not be able to read the constitution in the English language and write his name: *provided, however*, that the provisions of this amendment shall not apply to any person prevented by a physical disability from complying with its requisitions, nor to any person who now has the right to vote, nor to any person who shall be sixty years of age or upwards at the time this amendment shall take effect," is hereby wholly annulled.

This resolve was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 10, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, presented the petition of the

Boston and Lowell Railroad corporation, for an amendment to the charter of the Great Northern Railroad; which was referred to the committee on Railways, with instructions to ascertain if any legislation is necessary to bring the Boston and Lowell Railroad within and under the operation of the general railroad laws of the Commonwealth.

Railroad,
and Boston
and Lowell
Railroad.

Mr. Stedman of Boston, the petition of Robert Hooper and others for the repeal of an act concerning the Granite Cove; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Granite
Cove.

Mr. Batchelder of Holliston, the petition of the selectmen of Holliston for the re-placing of standard scales destroyed by fire; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Standard
scales.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, the petition of Louis Agassiz, a Director of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy in Cambridge, for state aid to the museum; which was referred to the committee on Education.

Museum of
Comparative
Zoölogy.

On motion of Mr. Perkins of Ipswich, the petition of the selectmen of Rowley and the First Parish in Rowley, for an act in addition to an act to transfer the authority to assess and collect a tax to enlarge a burial ground, from the parish to the inhabitants of Rowley, was taken from the files and referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Burial
ground in
Rowley.

On motion of Mr. Porter of Beverly, the petition of the Beverly Insurance Company, for an amendment to its charter, was taken from the files and referred to the committee on Insurance.

Beverly In-
surance Co.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, the petition of George W. Norris and others, for the establishment of a new district court in Middlesex County; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

New district
court in Mid-
dlesex
County.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of dividing the state into suitable judicial districts of the character heretofore created by special acts in certain localities.

Judicial dis-
tricts.

On motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons be authorized to visit the various prisons of the Commonwealth at their discretion. Sent up for concurrence.

Committee
on Prisons.

On motion of Mr. Mason of Plymouth,—

Protection
of water-
fowl.

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of repealing or amending section 3, chapter 304 of the acts of 1870 in relation to the protection of certain water-fowl named therein.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston,—

Charter of
city of
Boston.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending the charter of the city of Boston, as to make the committee on Paving a joint committee of the board of aldermen and common council.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem,—

Perkins In-
stitution for
the Blind.

Ordered, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted to Dr. Samuel G. Howe, of the Perkins Institution for the Blind, for an exhibition of the pupils on Wednesday next at 10 o'clock A. M.

On motion of Mr. Ladd of Springfield,—

Special re-
port of In-
surance Com-
missioner.

Ordered, That fifteen hundred copies of the special report of the Insurance Commissioner (House Document, No. 2) be printed for the use of the insurance department. Referred under the rule to the committee on Printing.

The special report of the Insurance Commissioner was received and referred to the committee on Insurance, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Woods of Huntington,—

Compensation for
support of
paupers before removal.

Ordered, That the committee on Charitable Institutions inquire as to the expediency of altering section fourteen in chapter seventy of the General Statutes, by striking out the compensation named in said section for the support of paupers before removal, and inserting a larger sum, more in accordance with justice and equity, and to report a bill if so considered. Sent up for concurrence.

Annual reports of Surgeon-General, Commissioners on Inland Fisheries, Police Commissioners and the Commissioner of the Mystic River Corporation.

A message was received from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting the annual report of the Surgeon-General of the Commonwealth, which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Also, the annual report of the Commissioner on Inland Fisheries, which was referred to the committee on Fisheries; the report of the Board of Police Commissioners, which was referred to the committee on the Liquor Law; and the report of the Commissioner of the Mystic River Corporation, which was referred to the committee on Harbors. These annual reports were severally sent up for concurrence in the reference.

The Speaker announced the following committee appointments :—

Join to Mercantile Affairs.—Messrs. Cummings of Woburn, Bigelow of Marlborough and Foss of Methuen.

Additional committee appointments.

On Water Supply and Drainage of the House.—Messrs. McDaniel of Cambridge, Currier of Newburyport, Shattuck of Boston, Studley of Charlestown, Titus of Worcester, Waters of Webster, Bardwell of Deerfield (one vacancy to be filled.)

Messrs. Shattuck of Boston and Lewis of Walpole asked to be excused from serving on the joint special committee on the Labor Question, and Messrs. Ingalls of Marblehead and Capen of Stoughton were respectively appointed in their places.

Mr. Bagg of West Springfield, from the committee on Manufactures, reported a bill to change the name of the Hinkley & Williams Works. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Hinkley and Williams Works.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 11, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Abbott of Malden, presented the petition of Marvin Lincoln and others of Malden, for an act of incorporation for an Odd Fellows' Lodge in Malden ; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Odd Fellows' Lodge in Malden.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, the petition of the Boston and Maine Railroad, to construct wharves on Mystic River and connect the same with its main line by a branch track ; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Boston and Maine Railroad.

Also, the petition of the same railroad, to cover the flats adjacent to its bridges over Charles and Miller's Rivers and use the same for depot buildings ; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Howard of Northbridge, the petition of Caroline L. Osgood of Northbridge, for the refunding of a second tax paid on bank stock ; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Caroline L. Osgood.

Mr. Hanson of Peabody, the petition of George Osborne of Peabody for refunding of a bank tax ; which was referred to the same committee.

George Osborne.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, presented the petition of Messrs. Pedrick and Clossen, that their acts as auction-

Pedrick and Clossen.

eers may be made valid; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

Contagious
diseases
among cat-
tle.

The report of the Commissioners on Contagious Diseases among Cattle was referred in concurrence to the committee on Agriculture.

Insurance
losses.

A memorial from the Boston Board of Trade, as to the settlement of claims for losses by insurance companies, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Insurance.

Insurance
by cities and
towns.

A bill to incorporate cities and towns into mutual fire insurance companies at their election, taken from the Senate files, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Insurance.

Henry M.
Cross.

The petition of Henry M. Cross of Newburyport, for leave to extend his wharf, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

Public
Steam
Supply Co.

A bill to incorporate the Public Steam Supply Company, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Saugus and
the Salem
Turnpike.

The petition of the selectmen of the town of Saugus, praying for relief from the burden imposed on that town in the maintenance of that portion of the Salem Turnpike passing through her territory as a public highway, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Natick wa-
ter supply.

The petition of the town of Natick, for authority to take water from Dug Pond for fire, domestic and manufacturing purposes, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

American
Hide Seat
Company.

The petition of the American Hide Seat Company, for a change of name, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Manufactures.

Executive
pardons.

A message from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting a list of pardons issued by the Governor and Council in 1872, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons.

Division of
Abington
and East
Bridge-
water.

The petition of William L. Reed and others, of the towns of Abington and East Bridgewater, to be set off from the said towns and form a new town, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

The petition of Washington Reed and others of the town of Abington to be set off from that town, was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Mr. Phillips of Salem offered the following:—

Whereas, Only a small portion of the petitions, etc., Printing of joint rules.
advertised in accordance with law have been presented, it is therefore

Ordered, That the Clerk cause the 18th and 19th joint rules to be advertised in three daily newspapers published in Boston.

Mr. Winslow of Newton moved to amend the order by inserting in place of the words "three daily newspapers published in Boston," the words "the principal daily journals in the various cities of the Commonwealth"; which was carried, and the order as amended was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem,—

Ordered, That the committee on Finance have authority to report, from time to time, such appropriation bills as they may deem necessary. Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Billings of Sharon,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider whether additional legislation is necessary with regard to the attendance of children upon the public schools, especially those children whose parents plead as an excuse for non-attendance the need of their children, and as a help towards their support. Sent up for concurrence. Attendance of children in public schools.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher of Littleton,—

Ordered, That the Judiciary committee consider the expediency of so amending the constitution that the number of members of the House of Representatives shall be smaller. Number of members of the House.

On motion of Mr. Nowell of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Judiciary inquire if any legislation is needed for the better protection of persons buying goods of commission merchants. Commission merchants.

On motion of Mr. Stetson of Quincy,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any legislation is necessary or expedient in regard to the peremptory challenging of jurors, and report by bill or otherwise. Challenging of jurors.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston,—

Ordered, That the Judiciary committee consider the expediency of so amending the charter of the city of Boston, that the committee on Sewers of said city shall be a joint committee of the board of aldermen and common council. Charter of the city of Boston.

On motion of Mr. Ely of Dedham,—

Property
rights of
widowers.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending the laws of said Commonwealth that when a married woman dies in the life-time of her husband, seized of lands, tenements or hereditaments or any right or interest therein in fee simple, her husband shall in all cases be entitled to the whole of said estate during his natural life, and if any part thereof is wild or woodland, he may use, clear and improve the same.

On motion of Mr. Abbott of Malden,—

Legislative
documents.

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be requested to cause files to be made of the several legislative documents for the use of the members of the House.

Commis-
sioners for
Massachu-
setts.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, on leave, introduced a bill relative to the qualification of commissioners for Massachusetts in other states and territories; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Committee
on Labor.

Mr. Ingalls of Marblehead, asked to be excused from serving on the joint special committee on the Labor Question, and the Speaker appointed Mr. Griffin of Gloucester in his place.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were then taken up.

The bill to change the name of the Hinkley and Williams Works, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, January 13, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth occupied the chair.

Goose Cove,
Gloucester.

Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, presented the remonstrances of Michael Duley and 116 others, Jonas H. French and 26 others, D. B. Hodgkins and 20 others, and Gustavus A. Lane and 38 others, against the petition of Robert Hooper and others in relation to Goose Cove, Gloucester; which were severally referred to the committee on Harbors.

Universal
Exposition
at Vienna.

Mr. Marden of Lowell, on leave, introduced resolves concerning the Universal Exposition at Vienna; which were referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Hayes of Boston, the petition of the members of the Boston Commercial Exchange, in aid of the petition of the Boston and Lowell Railroad, for consolidation with the Fitchburg and other railroads; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Consolidation of the Boston and Lowell and Fitchburg Railroad Companies.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Springvale Company; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Springvale Company.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Bigelow of Marlborough, the petition of Nahum Witherton and others, citizens of Marlborough, for a district court to be known as the District Court of Western Middlesex; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

District court of Western Middlesex.

On motion of Mr. Loughlin of Lowell,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 8 of chapter 122 of the General Statutes, so as to give municipal and police courts the same power to issue naturalization papers as now allowed by the supreme judicial and superior courts.

Naturalization papers.

The Speaker announced that Mr. Calley of Saugus desired to be excused from serving on the committee on Printing, and Mr. Hill of Boston was appointed in his place.

Committee on Printing.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the order relative to petitions was passed on Saturday. The motion was carried.

Printing of joint rules.

Mr. Phillips then moved that the order be amended by inserting in place of the words "the Clerk," the words, "the Clerks of the two branches." The amendment was carried and the order as amended was adopted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the order relative to obtaining the opinion of the justices of the supreme judicial court concerning the annexation of a town containing less than twelve thousand inhabitants to a city, reported inexpedient to legislate. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Opinion of the supreme judicial court on annexation.

The orders of the day were then taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bill to change the name of the Hinkley and Williams Works was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 14, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Union
Freight
Railroad
Company.

Mr. Wilson of Boston presented the petition of the Union Freight Railroad Company, for authority to haul passenger trains over their road; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Duxbury
and Cohasset
Railroad
Company.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth, the petition of William T. Davis and 240 others, tax-payers of Plymouth, that the town of Plymouth may be authorized to subscribe to the capital stock of the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company; which was referred to the same committee.

Savings
bank at
North Dennis.

Mr. Howes of Dennis, the petition of Howes Chapman and 67 others, citizens of Dennis, for a savings bank to be known as the North Dennis Savings Bank; which was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Amos Cummings.

Mr. Shattuck of Boston, the petition of Amos Cummings, late captain of company K, First Regiment, M. V., for relief; which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Road in
Dukes
County.

Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, the petition of the county commissioners of Dukes County, for a further appropriation to defray the cost of building and completing the road from the line of Chilmark and Gay Head to the light-house on Gay Head; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Harlow of Shrewsbury,—

Milk-cans.

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of providing by law that milk-cans shall be made according to a uniform measurement.

Mutual insurance.

On motion of Mr. Ryder of Foxborough, a bill to guarantee mutual insurance, was taken from the files and referred to the committee on Insurance.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Hubbardston school districts.

Mr. Goddard of Petersham, the petition of the selectmen of the town of Hubbardston, to legalize certain action of the town in relation to school districts; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

Division of
West Roxbury.

The petition of Judson Chapin and others for a division of the town of West Roxbury, or for the incorporation of the south and westerly parts of West Roxbury as a new town;

And the petition of William H. Goodwin and others in aid of the same, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

The petition of William Evans and others, captains of the First Regiment of Infantry, to be remunerated for losses of clothing, etc., in the late fire in Boston, taken from the files, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Military Affairs.

The petition of the selectmen of Lexington, for power to drain meadows, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

The petition of Walter and Francis Shanly for relief, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

The petition of John H. Stark and others, to be incorporated as the Homestead Insurance Company, taken from the files of last year, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Insurance.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Expenditures be instructed to examine and report upon the condition of the securities in charge of the Treasurer and Receiver-General of the Commonwealth.

The petition of Henry T. Cheever and George F. Gould and 266 other citizens of Worcester, for the repeal of that part of the liquor law which allows cities and towns to authorize the sale of beer and malt liquors, was referred in concurrence to the joint special committee on the Liquor Law.

A bill to authorize the Register of Deeds for the county of Worcester to appoint an assistant, came down from the Senate, and on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, it was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The annual reports of the Attorney-General and of the Auditor of the Commonwealth were received, and on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Soule of Springfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 22 of chapter 113 of the General Statutes.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an order relative to amending the laws in regard to taxation, or of repealing laws that require payment of a poll-tax, reported inexperience.

dient to legislate. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Ass't clerk
southern
district
municipal
court.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of William L. Hicks, assistant clerk of the southern district municipal court, Boston, for an increase of salary, reported leave to withdraw. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Marriage
laws.

Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred an order relative to amending section 14 of chapter 106 of the General Statutes, reported inexpedient to legislate. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Contracts
with officers
of cities.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the same committee, to whom was referred an order relative to repealing or amending chapter 274 of the acts of 1872, reported inexpedient to legislate. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Annual esti-
mates.

Estimates of expenditures for the current year were received from the Attorney-General's office, and from the State Board of Health, and were referred to the committee on Finance.

Appropri-
ation bill.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Marblehead
and Lynn
Railroad.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, from the committee on Railways, reported a bill to extend the time for the completion of the construction of the Marblehead and Lynn Railroad. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Report of the committee on the Judiciary (inexpedient), on the order relative to requiring the opinion of the justices of the supreme judicial court, concerning the annexation of a town containing less than twelve thousand inhabitants to any city, was accepted.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 15, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Pilots of
Provincetown.

Mr. Sparks of Provincetown presented the petition of John Hill and 21 others, pilots and shipmasters of Prov-

incetown, for a law to allow pilots of that town to take vessels into the port of Boston; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford, the petition of the New Bedford and New York Steam Propeller Company, for an increase of capital stock and change of name; which was referred to the same committee.

New Bedford and New York Steam Propeller Co.

Mr. Dudley of Northampton, the petition of the Northampton and Williamsburg Street Railroad Company, for a change of name and reduction of capital stock; which was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Northampton and Williamsburg Street Railroad Co.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, the petition of Alfred Kirtledge and others of Haverhill, to be incorporated as the Kenoza Horse Railroad Company; which was referred to the same committee.

Kenoza Horse Railroad Co.

Mr. Winslow of Newton, the petition of E. Tourjée and others, for a change of name of the Boston Sunday School and Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; which was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Boston Sunday School and Missionary Society.

Mr. Chapin of Holyoke, the petition of the inhabitants of Holyoke, for a city charter; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

City charter for Holyoke.

Mr. Cummings of Woburn, the petition of the town of Woburn for an alteration of its town line; which was referred to the same committee.

Woburn town line.

Mr. Winslow of Newton, the petition of George F. Wilson and others of Brighton, for annexation to Boston; which was referred to the same committee.

Annexation of Brighton to Boston.

Mr. Shattuck of Boston, the petition of I. T. Talbot, M.D., and other physicians, for the establishment by the state of a vaccine institution; which was referred to the committee on Education.

State vaccine institution.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, the petition of Elijah D. Allen and 129 others, citizens of Springfield, Agawam and vicinity, for an act requiring the construction of a bridge across the Connecticut River between the town of Agawam and the city of Springfield; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Bridges across Connecticut River.

Mr. Cummings of Woburn, the petition of the Boston Board of Trade for aid to the Vienna Exposition; which was referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Vienna Exposition.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Boston
Land Co.

The petition of the Boston Land Company for authority to fill up flats belonging to them, and to lay out streets over the same, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

Repeal of
beer law.

The petition of George B. Richmond and 250 other citizens of New Bedford, over twenty-one years of age, for the repeal of the beer law, was referred in concurrence to the joint special committee on the Liquor Law.

Liens upon
real estate.

Mr. Crocker of Boston, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to recording attachments and other liens upon real estate; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

New Eng-
land Moral
Reform So-
ciety.

Also, on leave, a bill to authorize a special meeting of the New England Moral Reform Society; which was referred to the same committee.

General rail-
road law.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

Ordered, That the joint committee on Railways consider the expediency of modifying or repealing the 13th section of chapter 53 of the acts of 1872. Sent up for concurrence.

Reciprocal
taxes from
foreign in-
surance
companies.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance report what, if any, legislative action is required for the collection of reciprocal taxes from foreign insurance companies transacting business in this state;

Also, what companies, if any, are liable for such taxes and to what amounts. Sent up for concurrence.

Clerk of dis-
trict court of
East Nor-
folk.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the clerk of the district court of East Norfolk for an increase of salary, reported a bill in favor of the same. Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Special re-
port of In-
surance
Commis-
sioner.

Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on Printing, to whom was referred the order relative to printing fifteen hundred extra copies of the special report of the Insurance Commissioner, reported in favor of the same and it was adopted.

Gosnold
Mills.

Mr. Bagg of West Springfield, from the committee on Manufactures, to whom was referred the petition of the Gosnold Mills, reported a bill to increase the capital stock of that company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Executive
pardons.

Mr. Winslow of Newton, from the committee on Pris-

ons, to whom was referred a message from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting a list of pardons issued by the Governor and Council in 1872, reported that no legislation is necessary thereon. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Ladd of Springfield, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the petition of the Lowell Bleachery, reported a bill to authorize that bleachery to enter into contract for mutual insurance with other corporations. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Lowell
Bleachery.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

Bills:

To extend the time for the completion of the construction of the Marblehead and Lynn Railroad;

Making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Report of the committee on the Judiciary (inexpedient to legislate) on the order relative to chapter 274 of the acts of 1872, was accepted.

Mr. Ide of Medway, moved that the report of the same committee (inexpedient) on the order relative to amending section 14, chapter 106 of the General Statutes, be re-committed to the committee. The motion was lost and the report was accepted.

Mr. Cook of Boston, moved that the report of the same committee (leave to withdraw) on the petition of the assistant clerk of the southern district municipal court of Boston for an increase of salary, be laid upon the table. The motion was lost and the report was accepted.

Report of the same committee (inexpedient) on an order relative to taxation and poll taxes, was accepted.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 16, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Humphrey of Marblehead, presented the petition of William Humphrey and Ebenezer S. Twisden of Marblehead, for leave to extend their wharf; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

William
Humphrey
and Eben-
ezer S.
Twisden.

Annexation
of Belmont
to Cam-
bridge.

Mr. Edwards of Watertown, the remonstrance of George H. Winslow and 36 citizens of Belmont against any portion of Belmont being annexed to Cambridge; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Quincy
Point Rail-
road Co.

Mr. Stetson of Quincy, the petition of Lemuel Baxter and others for incorporation as the Quincy Point Railroad Company; which was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Lee and
New Haven
Railroad.

Mr. Judd of Lee, on leave, introduced a bill to amend chapter 73 of the acts of 1872, in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Jonathan
King.

Mr. Hanson of Peabody, the petition of Jonathan King of Peabody for the refunding of a bank tax; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Consolida-
tion of Fitch-
burg, Ver-
mont and
Massachu-
setts and
Troy and
Boston Rail-
road Coa.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol, on leave, introduced a bill to consolidate the Fitchburg, Vermont and Massachusetts, and the Troy and Boston Railroads; which was ordered to be printed and referred to the committee on Railways.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Probate of-
fice of Suf-
folk County.

Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston, on leave, introduced a bill to provide for the transaction of business in the probate office of Suffolk County; which was referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Papers from the Senate.

Savings
Bank in
South Yar-
mouth.

The petition of Russell D. Farris and others for the establishment of a savings bank in South Yarmouth, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Simonds
Manufactur-
ing Co.

A bill (introduced on leave in the Senate) to amend the charter of the Simonds Manufacturing Company, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Manufactures.

East Boston
Freight
Railroad
Co.

The petition of Edward G. Nickerson and others to be incorporated as the East Boston Freight Railroad Company, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Athol and
Enfield
Railroad.

A bill (introduced on leave in the Senate) to change the name of the Athol and Enfield Railroad and for other purposes, was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Boston and
Providence
and Stough-

A bill (introduced on leave in the Senate) to unite the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation and Stough-

ton Branch Railroad Company, was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

ton Branch
Railroad
Companies.

Mr. Harrison O. Field of Leverett, member-elect of the House from the second Franklin district, presented his credentials, and was conducted to the Governor by a committee consisting of Messrs. Ladd of Springfield, and Bardwell of Deerfield, and having been duly qualified took his seat in the House.

Member
qualified.

On motion of Mr. Chapin of Holyoke,—

Ordered, That the Judiciary committee inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 112 of the acts of the year 1866, so that cemetery corporations may enlarge their burial grounds upon the same or similar provisions allowed to towns under said chapter.

Cemetery
corporations.

On motion of Mr. Ely of Dedham,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of extending the provisions of section 14 of chapter 416 of the acts of 1869 to police courts, municipal courts and district courts established since the passage of said act.

Police, mun-
icipal and
district
courts.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing by law for the appointment of assistant registers of deeds for the several counties.

Assistant
registers of
deeds.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of the passage of a law allowing corporations to increase and diminish their capital stock by a vote of their shareholders.

Stock of cor-
porations.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher of Chelsea,—

Ordered, That the committee on Roads and Bridges consider the expediency of reporting an act to relieve the city of Chelsea from the expense of maintaining the bridge between that city and Charlestown.

Chelsea
bridge.

On motion of Mr. Chapin of Holyoke,—

Ordered, That the Judiciary committee inquire into the expediency of amending section 142 of chapter 57 of the General Statutes; and also inquire into the expediency of amending section 1 of chapter 187 of the acts of the year 1862, so that in both of the above cases "Fire Districts" shall be included.

Fire dis-
tricts.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on the Ju-

Assistant
register of

deeds for
Worcester
County.

diciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to authorize the register of deeds for the county of Worcester to appoint an assistant; reported that the bill ought to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Assembling
on side-
walks.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an order relative to the expediency of reporting a bill providing that it shall be illegal for more than three persons to assemble upon any sidewalk adjacent to any public way or street in any town or city in this Commonwealth, reported inexpedient to legislate thereon. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Commission
merchants.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the same committee, to whom was referred an order relative to the protection of persons buying goods of commission merchants, reported inexpedient to legislate thereon. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow:

Annual esti-
mates.

Communications were received by the Speaker, giving the estimated expenses of the Bridgewater Workhouse for the current year at \$40,000, and from the superintendent of the State Reform School at Westborough, placing the estimate of expenses at \$54,000; also a communication from Frank B. Fay, the treasurer of the State Industrial School for Girls, asking for an appropriation of \$25,000 to meet the expenses of that institution for the current year; which were severally referred to the committee on Finance.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The bill to authorize the Lowell Bleachery to enter into contract for mutual insurance with other corporations, was ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the bill to increase the capital stock of the Gosnold Mills Company, was recommitted to the committee on Manufactures.

The report of the committee on Prisons (that no legislation is necessary), on the governor's message, transmitting a list of the pardons for 1872, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Elections, on the petition of Alfred J. French, was, on motion of Mr. Bigelow of Marlborough, postponed until to-morrow.

Bills:

To extend the time for the completion of the construction of the Marblehead and Lynn Railroad;

Making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year.

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Palmer of Boston, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the report of the committee on the Judiciary (leave to withdraw) on the petition of the assistant clerk of the southern district municipal court of Boston for an increase of salary, was accepted. The motion was lost.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on Railways, reported a bill to unite the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company of this state with the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company of New Hampshire. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 17, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Hanson of Peabody presented the petition of Eben V. King of Peabody, for refunding of a bank tax; which was referred to the committee on Claims. Eben V. King.

Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, the petition of the town of Gloucester, to amend the act establishing the fire department in said town; which was referred to the committee on Insurance. Fire Department of Gloucester.

Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford, the petition of William Lewis to maintain and extend a wharf at Vineyard Haven; which was referred to the committee on Harbors. William Lewis.

Mr. Titus of Worcester, the petitions of Messrs. George F. Hoar, T. L. Nelson, George E. Mansfield and 297 others, for legislation regulating the number of hours of labor per day, etc.; which was referred to the joint special committee on the Labor Question. Hours of labor.

Mr. Norton of Westfield, the petition of the New Haven and Northampton Railroad Company for leave to increase their capital stock; which was referred to the committee on Railways. New Haven and Northampton Railroad.

Mr. Hull of Boston, the memorial of George M. Weston for the payment of his claims against the Commonwealth; which was referred to the committee on Claims. George M. Weston.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Fletcher of Littleton presented the remonstrance of Francis Brigham and 80 other legal voters of Hudson, Western Middlesex district court.

against the petition of Nahum Witherbee and others of Marlborough, in favor of establishing a judicial district comprising the towns of Marlborough, Hudson, Stow and Maynard; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Donations
to churches.

Mr. Winslow of Newton, the petition of Messrs. William Claffin, C. N. Smith, Jacob Sleeper and others, for an amendment to section 1 of chapter 31 of the General Statutes; which was referred to the same committee.

Contested
election.

Mr. Black of Taunton, the petition of Albert A. Austin for a re-count of votes for representative in the second Bristol District; which was referred to the committee on Elections.

Papers from the Senate.

Boston and
Philadel-
phia Steam-
ship Com-
pany.

A bill to incorporate the Boston and Philadelphia Steamship Company (introduced on leave in the Senate), was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Turner's
Falls Land
and Im-
provement
Company.

The petition of the Turner's Falls Land and Improvement Company, for amendment of charter, was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Savings
Bank in
South Yar-
mouth.

The petitions of Edward E. Crowell and others, and of Lydia Crowell and others, of Yarmouth and Dennis, for a savings bank in South Yarmouth, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Moses B.
Sewall.

The petition of the administrators of the estate of Moses B. Sewall, late of West Roxbury, for relief from certain taxes on bank stock, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Boston and
West Rox-
bury R. R.

The petition of the Boston and West Roxbury Railroad to establish its south-westerly terminus at or near Forest Hills station, and to lay rails and run its cars over such streets in Boston as the mayor and aldermen may determine, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Horse Railways.

State Offi-
cial Insur-
ance Co.

A bill to incorporate the State Official Insurance Company of Massachusetts, taken from the Senate files of last year, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Insurance.

Service of
jurors.

A bill to limit the service of jurors, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

State vac-
cine institu-
tion.

The House receded from its reference, to the committee on Education, of the petition of I. T. Talbot, M.D., and

other physicians, for the establishment by the state of a vaccine institution, and concurred with the reference of the Senate to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

The petition of D. R. Whitney and others for a law providing for the examination of persons employed to run stationery, marine and locomotive engines, or to have charge of boilers attached to the same, with accompanying documents, taken from the Senate files of last year, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Manufactures.

Examination of engineers.

On motion of Mr. Soule of Springfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 14 of chapter 94 of the acts of the year 1852, so as to give authority to the city council of Springfield to alter or discontinue certain highways in said section referred to.

Springfield—laws concerning highways.

On motion of Mr. Black of Taunton,—

Ordered, That the committee on County Estimates consider the expediency of establishing the salary of the treasurer of Bristol County, so as to make it correspond with the salaries paid to the treasurers of other counties.

Treasurer of Bristol County.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, on leave, introduced a resolve authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue; which was read once and, under a suspension of the rules, was read a second and third time and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Treasurer authorized to borrow money.

Mr. Perley of Boxford, from the committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred an order relative to the protection of water-fowl, reported inexpedient to legislate thereon. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Protection of water-fowl.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to authorize a special meeting of the New England Moral Reform Society, reported that the same ought to pass. Read and ordered to a second reading.

N. E. Moral Reform Society.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Mr. Davis of Lawrence moved that the report of the committee on Elections, on the petition of Alfred J. French, be recommitted to that committee.

Mr. Ely of Dedham moved that it be postponed until to-morrow.

The last motion prevailed by a vote of 114 to 26.

Bills :

Relative to the qualification of commissioners for Massachusetts in other states and in territories ;

To unite the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company of this State with the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company of New Hampshire ;

To authorize the Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester to appoint an assistant ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The reports of the committee on the Judiciary,

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to protection of persons buying goods of commission merchants, and

Inexpedient, on the order relative to assembling on sidewalks, were severally accepted.

The bill to authorize the Lowell Bleachery to enter into contract for mutual insurance with other corporations, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 18, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Sarah Howland et al.

Mr. Wing of Dartmouth presented the petition of Sarah Howland and others to discontinue the use of a private burial ground ; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Military Encampments and mileage.

Mr. Britton of Wakefield, the petition of commissioned officers of Company A, Sixth Regiment, M. V. M., that the laws be so changed as to make the military term of encampment three days instead of five, and that mileage be allowed to the troops for travel from the armories to the place of encampment and return ; which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Repeal of the beer law.

Mr. Hanson of Peabody, the petition of Eliphalet Trask and George P. Hawkes, officially representing a State Temperance Convention held in Boston, January 15, 1873, for the repeal of the beer law, accompanied with documentary evidence from judges, district attorneys and others in reference to the law ; which was referred to the joint special committee on the Liquor Law.

Mr. Cushing of Hingham, the petition of George W. Whitten and 24 others of East Weymouth, to be incorporated as the First Unitarian Society of East Weymouth; which was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

First Unitarian Society of East Weymouth.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth presented the petition of Frederick Scudder, for an act authorizing the appointment of an Assistant Register of Deeds for Barnstable County; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Assistant Register of Deeds for Barnstable County.

Mr. Winslow of Newton, on leave, introduced a bill providing for the dissolution of mechanics liens by bond; which was referred to the same committee.

Lien laws.

The same gentleman also, on leave, introduced a bill to establish a police court in Brighton; which was referred to the same committee.

Police court in Brighton.

On motion of Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any additional legislation is necessary in regard to parishes and religious societies.

Parishes and religious societies.

On motion of Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire if any further legislation is necessary with regard to the discharge of persons arrested on mesne process.

Persons arrested on mesne process.

Papers from the Senate.

A bill in addition to the acts relating to the Arlington Lake Water Company, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Arlington Lake Water Company.

The memorial of Daniel Holt, M.D., and others, for the impartial execution of the laws, was referred in concurrence to the joint special committee on the Liquor Law.

Impartial execution of the laws.

The petition of Robert Bower and 10 other members of the State Central Committee of the Ten Hours' Association, for a ten-hour law, was referred in concurrence to the joint special committee on the Labor Question.

Ten-hour law.

On motion of Mr. Stedman of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons, conjointly with the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, consider the expediency of making arrangements in the contemplated new state prison for the confinement and treat-

Criminal insane.

ment of the so-called "criminal insane." Sent up for concurrence.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The report of the committee on Elections, on the petition of Alfred J. French, was accepted.

The bill to authorize a special meeting of the New England Moral Reform Society was ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Agriculture (inexpedient to legislate) on an order relative to the protection of water-fowl, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The bill relative to the qualification of commissioners for Massachusetts in other states and in territories, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to unite the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company of this state with the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company of New Hampshire, was reported in a new draft by Mr. Crocker from the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Read and ordered to a second reading.

The bill to authorize the Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester to appoint an assistant was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, January 20, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Job T. Wilson.

Mr. Holmes of Fall River presented the petition of Job T. Wilson of Fall River, for a license to construct a wharf; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Timothy Murphy.

Mr. Toland of Boston, the petition of Timothy Murphy for State aid; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Highland
Railroad
Company.

Mr. Chamberlain of Boston, the petitions of John T. Clark and 190 others, John Backup and 147 others, George W. Wheelwright and 374 others, Charles C. Holbrook and 117 others, W. Elliot and 402 others, and Horace H. Coolidge and 27 others, in aid of the petition of the Highland Street Railroad Company for an extension of its tracks; which were severally referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Vine Brook.

Mr. Marion of Burlington, the petition of George W.

Robinson and others to take the waters of Vine Brook; which was referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

On motion of Mr. Moore of Concord,—

Ordered, That the committee on Roads and Bridges consider the expediency of amending the law establishing road commissioners, so as to define their powers and duties in relation to guide posts and shade trees in highways. Powers of road commissioners.

On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance ascertain what legislation is required in regard to blowing up and otherwise destroying buildings at fires. Blowing up of buildings.

On motion of Mr. Marden of Lowell, a bill to establish a half-mill fund for the support of the public schools was taken from the files of last year and referred to the committee on Education. Half-mill school fund.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Essex Mechanics' Association in Lawrence; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Essex Mechanics' Association of Lawrence.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, on leave, introduced a bill to increase the capital stock of the Freemasons' Hall Association in Haverhill and to fix the par value of its shares; which was referred to the same committee. Freemasons' Hall Association of Haverhill.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

A bill to authorize the Roxbury Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading. Roxbury Gas Light Company.

On motion of Mr. Ely of Dedham,—

Ordered, That the committee on Matters of Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of providing by law a uniform system for the classification and filing of all documents and papers now in the custody of the Registers of Probate and Insolvency of the several counties, and for the classification, filing, indexing and recording of such documents and papers as shall hereafter come into the custody of said registers. Papers in the custody of Registers of Probate and Insolvency.

Mr. Sargent of Lowell, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to the licensing and registering of dogs in cities; The dog law.

which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Commission
merchants.

Mr. Nowell of Boston moved that the rule be suspended so that he could move a reconsideration of the vote by which the report of the Judiciary Committee (inexpedient to legislate) in relation to an order in regard to persons buying goods of commission merchants was accepted. The rule was suspended and Mr. Nowell moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby said report was accepted, and the motion was lost.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the bill to unite the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company of this State with the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company of New Hampshire, was amended in the third section and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize a special meeting of the New England Moral Reform Society was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 21, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Middlesex
R. R. Co.

Mr. Britton of Wakefield presented the petition of Daniel Allen and 450 others, citizens of towns on the line of the Boston and Maine Railroad, in aid of the petition of the Middlesex Horse Railroad for leave to extend its track; which was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Newbury-
port and
Amesbury
Horse Rail-
road Co.

Mr. Clark of Newburyport, on leave, introduced a bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Newburyport and Amesbury Horse Railroad Company; which was referred to the same committee.

Woburn
town lines.

Mr. Peirce of Arlington, the remonstrance of Messrs. J. F. Stone, J. R. Cobb and 354 others, citizens of Winchester, against any change of town lines now existing between Woburn and Winchester; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Annexation
of West
Roxbury to
Boston.

Mr. Seaver of West Roxbury, the petition of the town of West Roxbury for the passage of an act authorizing the annexation of said town to Boston; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Dudley of Northampton, the petition of William Foley and 96 others, citizens of the village of Florence, town of Northampton, in aid of the petition of George A. Burr and others for a savings bank in said village; which was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Savings bank in Florence.

Also, by the same gentleman, the petition of D. F. Ranney and 80 other citizens of the village of Florence, town of Northampton, for a savings bank in said village; which was referred to the same committee. Do.

Mr. Sparks of Provincetown, the petition of Joseph P. Johnson and 55 others, citizens of Provincetown, in aid of a law to allow Provincetown pilots to pilot all vessels that they may pilot into the port of Boston; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Pilots of Provincetown.

Mr. Wellington of Worcester, the petition of the Boston and Albany Railroad for an extension of time to complete the union passenger depot in Worcester; which was referred to the committee on Railways. Union passenger depot in Worcester.

Mr. Hanson of Peabody, the petition of John F. Coles and J. Butterfield, officially representing the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, for the repeal of the beer law; which was referred to the joint special committee on the Liquor Law. Repeal of the beer law.

Mr. Hull of Boston, the petition of Edwin M. Chamberlain and Charles T. Crane, secretary of the Executive Committee of the Labor Reform State Central Committee, in aid of the petition of George F. Hoar and others in favor of an eight-hour law; which was referred to the joint special committee on the Labor Question. Eight-hour law.

On motion of Mr. Titus of Worcester, a bill to provide for municipal and state insurance was taken from the files of last year and referred to the committee on Insurance. Municipal and state insurance.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on Roads and Bridges be requested to consider and report whether it is expedient to regulate by law the width of tires on vehicles used for the transportation of heavy loads on the public roads. Tires on heavy vehicles.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth presented the petition of Sidney Bartlett, T. H. Sweetzer and others, for an increase of the number of judges of the supreme judicial court; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Supreme judicial court.

Bonds of
trustees.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, on leave, introduced a bill relating to the bonds of trustees; which was referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

On motion of Mr. Soule of Springfield,—

Overseers of
houses of
correction.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of abolishing the office of overseers of houses of correction in the several counties and giving the powers and duties and salaries of such overseers to the county commissioners for the several counties: and the expediency of permitting county commissioners to be paid by fees in addition to their salaries for the performance of services other than those relating to the laying out or discontinuing highways.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown,—

Papers of
registers of
Probate.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of requiring every register of probate to keep a docket or index of all the papers filed in or presented to his court.

Papers from the Senate.

Central
Club of Bos-
ton.

The petition of Alexander H. Rice and others for incorporation under the name of the Central Club of Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Worcester
Mutual Fire
Ins. Co.

The petition of the Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company for amendment of charter was referred in concurrence to the committee on Insurance.

Vienna Ex-
position.

The petition of Messrs. Daniel Needham, Charles L. Flint, George E. Towne, E. N. Horsford and others, a committee appointed at a public meeting of the citizens of Massachusetts, asking for aid in behalf of the Vienna Exposition, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Manufactures.

Manufacturers' Gas
Company.

The petition of the Manufacturers' Gas Company of Fall River for an increase of capital stock, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Manufactures.

Mt. Olive
Cemetery
Association.

The petition of T. H. Smith and others to be incorporated as the Mount Olive Cemetery Association, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Old Colony
Railroad.

A bill confirming the location of the Old Colony Railroad from Wellfleet to Provincetown and extending the time for the construction thereof and for other purposes,

which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem,—

Ordered, That the State Board of Health be requested to report to this House the number of towns and cities in the Commonwealth in which cases of small-pox have appeared during the years 1872 and 1873, the number of cases in each, the supposed cause of its appearance, and the whole number of cases at present in the Commonwealth. Small-pox.

On motion of Mr. Whitfield of Fairhaven,—

Ordered, That five hundred extra copies of the report of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries be printed for the use of the commissioners. Report of Commissioners on Inland Fisheries.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown offered the following:—

Ordered, That whenever any committee, having considered a matter referred to them, have voted to report a bill, they may report either a general or special bill. Powers of committees.

Laid over until to-morrow.

Mr. Bonney of Hadley, from the committee on Prisons, to whom was referred the report of the inspectors of the state prison in relation to a new prison, reported a resolve authorizing payments for certain expenses incurred by said inspectors; which was referred to the committee on Finance. Inspectors of state prison.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the constitution that the number of members of the House of Representatives will be smaller, reported that it is inexpedient so to amend the constitution. The report was accepted under a suspension of the rules. Number of members of the House.

Mr. Patch of Boston, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve in relation to printing the Provincial Laws of Massachusetts, reported that the resolve be referred to the committee on Printing. The report was accepted. Provincial Laws.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred an order authorizing them to report appropriations, reported a bill in addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year; which was read and ordered to a second reading. Appropriation bill.

Clerk of district court of E. Norfolk.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the district court of East Norfolk, reported that it ought to pass in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The bill to authorize the Roxbury Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Davis of Lawrence, who said that the committee on the Judiciary were considering a general bill which might reach this case.

The bill to unite the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company of this state with the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company of New Hampshire, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 22, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Vine Brook.

Mr. Marion of Burlington presented the petition of the town of Lexington, in aid of the petition of George W. Robinson and others; also the remonstrance of the town of Lexington against the petition of the selectmen of the town of Arlington for diverting the waters of Vine Brook; which were referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

South Hadley Falls—water supply.

Mr. Chapin of Holyoke, on leave, introduced a bill in aid of an act to supply the village of South Hadley Falls with water; which was referred to the same committee.

Cambridge—Firemen's Relief Association.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, the petition of P. H. Raymond and others, for incorporation as a Firemen's Relief Association; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Protection of pilots.

Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, the petition of Charles Bradley and 42 others, for further protection of pilots of this Commonwealth; which was referred to the same committee.

Maurice Morey.

Mr. Smith of Boston, the petition of Maurice Morey for indemnity for false imprisonment; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Briggs of Amesbury, the petition of Paul Giddings for state aid ; which was referred to the same committee.

Paul Giddings.

Mr. Cummings of Woburn, the petition of J. D. Runble and others for the use of public land ; which was referred to the committee on Education.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, the petition of J. C. Hoadley and 74 others for a bridge across the Merrimack River at Lawrence ; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Bridge across Merrimack River.

Mr. Sears of Barnstable, the remonstrance of B. F. Bourne and 150 others, citizens of Sandwich, against the petition of John A. Beckerman and others for a division of that town ; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Division of Sandwich.

Mr. Splaine of Boston, the petition of Murdoch Matheson, asking for compensation for injuries sustained while in service as captain of Company B, Second Battalion of Cavalry ; which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Murdoch Matheson.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on the State House consider the expediency of directing the Sergeant-at-Arms to raise the windows in room No. 10.

Alterations in room No. 10.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Wallace of Fitchburg presented the petition of George W. Cann, clerk of the police court of Fitchburg, for an increase of salary ; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Clerk of police court in Fitchburg.

Mr. Shaw of Middleborough, the petition of J. C. Sullivan and 95 others of Middleborough, for the division of Plymouth County into judicial districts ; which was referred to the same committee.

Judicial districts in Plymouth County.

On motion of Mr. Ladd of Springfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that all drains and common sewers, constructed by private parties through streets and highways, and through private lands which are afterwards laid out and accepted as streets and highways, shall become the property of the cities and towns in which such drains and sewers may be located.

Drains and common sewers.

Also, on motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of authorizing

City and town hospitals.

towns and cities to make appropriations for the purpose of establishing and maintaining hospitals for the care of sick and disabled persons.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Land titles
in Maine.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing by law for facilitating the examination of papers in the several state offices concerning land titles in Maine, or for surrendering to the proper offices of that state such of said papers as can properly be dismissed from the files.

Hampden
County
commissioners.

Mr. Ladd of Springfield, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the county commissioners for Hampden County to borrow money for certain purposes; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

Taunton
lunatic hos-
pital.

The petition of the trustees of the Taunton Lunatic Hospital for enlargement of the hospital and its accommodations, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Samaritan
Society of
Salem.

The petition of Mrs. Lydia A. Short and others, officers of the Samaritan Society at Salem, for an act of incorporation and the right to hold real estate, was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Division of
Abington.

The petition of E. R. Studley and 155 others of Abington, in aid of the petition of Washington Reed and others for a division of the town of Abington, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

Inspectors
of state
prison.

The report of the inspectors of the state prison, under the resolve of the Legislature relating to a new prison, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons.

On motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton,—

State direc-
tors in Bos-
ton and Al-
bany R. R.

Ordered, That the election of two directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad, on the part of the Commonwealth, be made the order of the day for Wednesday, February 5th, at 2.15 P. M., and that a convention of both branches be held at that hour for the purpose.

Mr. Loughlin of Lowell offered the following:—

Manage-
ment of
horse rail-
roads.

Ordered, That the committee on Horse Railroads be directed to make an examination into the manner in which the business of the horse railroad companies in the Com-

monwealth is conducted, with power to send for persons, books and papers.

Laid over until to-morrow, under the rule, at the request of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth.

Mr. Packard of Boston offered the following :—

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the office of Surgeon-General.

Surgeon-General.

Laid over until to-morrow, under the rule, at the request of Mr. Winslow of Newton.

The order offered by Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, relative to committees reporting either by a general or special bill, was rejected.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bills :

To fix the salary of the clerk of the district court of East Norfolk ;

In addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year ; and

Confirming the location of the Old Colony Railroad from Wellfleet to Provincetown, and extending the time for the construction thereof, and for other purposes ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

An engrossed bill to change the name of the Hinkley and Williams Works, was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Bill passed.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 23, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester presented the petition of Charles Siders for remission of a bank tax ; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Charles Siders.

Mr. Plunkett of Adams, the petition of Asahel P. Squires to be re-imburshed for expenses and services in the arrest of the Grafton Bank robbers ; which was referred to the same committee.

Asahel P. Squires.

Mr. Sanborn of Salem, the remonstrances of James B. Homer and 48 others, of Daniel F. Learnard and 17

Annexation of Belmont to Cambridge.

others, and of W. J. Underwood and 92 others, against the annexation of any portion of Belmont to Cambridge; which were severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Goose Cove, Gloucester. Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, the remonstrance of Josiah O. Friend, Jr., and 33 others, against the petition of Robert Hooper and others in relation to Goose Cove Dam, Gloucester; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Wellesley Female Seminary. Mr. Abbott of Malden, the petition of Edward N. Kirk, President, and Henry F. Durant, Treasurer, of the Wellesley Female Seminary, for a change of name to the Wellesley College; which was referred to the committee on Education.

Chapin Banking and Trust Co. Mr. Soule of Springfield, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Chapin Banking and Trust Company of Springfield; which was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Dividends of mutual fire insurance coa. On motion of Mr. White of Plymouth,—
Ordered, That the joint standing committee on Insurance consider and report upon the expediency of amending section 11 of chapter 375 of the acts of 1872, relative to dividends of mutual fire insurance companies with a guarantee capital.

Connecting railroads. On motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield,—
Ordered, That the committee on Railways be instructed to consider the expediency of further legislation in regard to connecting railroads.

Terminal stations of railroads. Also, on motion of the same gentleman,—
Ordered, That the committee on Railways be instructed to consider the expediency of further legislation in regard to the terminal stations, and the approaches thereto, of the railroads entering Boston from the north.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Thayer Academy. Mr. Ely of Dedham, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the town of Braintree to raise \$20,000 for the Thayer Academy; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

Holyoke Water Power Co. A bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Holyoke Water Power Company, introduced on leave in the Senate,

was referred in concurrence to the committee on Manufactures.

The petition of F. J. Briggs and others for the repeal of section 1, chapter 320 of the laws of 1871, in relation to hunting deer with dogs, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Agriculture. Hunting deer with dogs.

A bill to incorporate the Industrial and Mechanical School of Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Education. Industrial and Mechanical School of Boston.

The order offered by Mr. Packard of Boston, that the committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the office of Surgeon-General, was considered. Surgeon-General.

Mr. Phillips of Salem moved that the matter be indefinitely postponed.

After debate, Mr. White of Plymouth moved the previous question, which was carried and the order was adopted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown offered the following :

Ordered, That any committee to whom an act for incorporation has been referred may, if they deem it desirable, report a general or special act of incorporation for the purposes mentioned in the application. Powers of committees.

The order was rejected by a vote of 72 to 91.

The order offered by Mr. Loughlin of Lowell, relative to the manner of conducting the business of the horse railroad companies of the Commonwealth, was, on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth postponed until to-morrow. Management of horse railroad cos.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the selectmen of the town of Hubbardston to legalize certain action of the town in relation to school districts, reported leave to withdraw. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Hubbardston—school districts.

Mr. Wellington of Worcester, from the committee on Railways to whom was referred the petition of the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Corporation for an extension of time for constructing their road and for other purposes, reported a bill in favor of the same. Read and ordered to a second reading. Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Frederick Scudder, for an act authorizing the appointment of an assistant register of deeds for Barnstable County, and an Assistant registers of deeds.

order instructing them to consider the expediency of providing by law for the appointment of assistant registers of deeds for the several counties, reported a bill to authorize each register of deeds in the Commonwealth to appoint an assistant register. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bills :

In addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year ;

To fix the salary of the clerk of the district court of East Norfolk, were severally passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill confirming the location of the Old Colony Railroad from Wellfleet to Provincetown, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 24, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Consolidation of the Fitchburg, Vermont and Massachusetts and Troy and Greenfield Railroads.

Mr. Hopkins of Boston presented the petition of George C. Richardson & Co., and 141 other business firms of Boston, in aid of the bill to consolidate the Fitchburg, Vermont and Massachusetts and Troy and Greenfield Railroad Companies as the Hoosac Tunnel Railroad Company ; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Oyster fishery in Barlow River.

Mr. Robinson of Sandwich, the petition of the selectmen of the town of Sandwich for the passage of a law for the protection of the oyster fishery in Barlow River in said town ; which was referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Pilots of Gloucester.

Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, the petition of the pilots of Gloucester, that the rates of pilotage for Gloucester may be the same as for the port of Salem ; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Lands used for military encampments.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Athol,—

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of providing compensation for the use of lands occupied by the several commands of the state militia ordered in encampment during the year 1872.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield,—

R. R. station in W. Stock bridge.

Ordered, That the committee on Railways inquire if any legislation is necessary to provide for a change of location

of the railroad station in the village of West Stockbridge, and the erection of new station buildings.

Mr. Marden of Lowell presented the petition of Henry Emery of Lowell, for an investigation of the manner in which the liquor law is enforced, and the action of certain trial justices and state constables.

Mr. Marden moved that the petition be referred to a joint special committee of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth moved that the petition be referred to the joint special committee on the Liquor Law. The motion was lost, 63 gentlemen voting in the affirmative and 87 in the negative.

Mr. Marden's motion was then carried.

These petitions and orders were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Cook of Boston, moved that when the House adjourn it be till Monday next at 2 P. M. The motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Dyer of Weymouth,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of allowing towns to vote in wards or districts in certain elections.

The order offered by Mr. Loughlin of Lowell, directing the committee on Horse Railways to examine into the manner in which the business of horse railroad companies is conducted, was rejected.

Mr. Dudley of Northampton, from the committee on Claims, reported a resolve in favor of Caroline M. Osgood, George Osborne, Jonathan King and Eben V. King, which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, from the committee on Railways, reported a bill authorizing the New Haven and Northampton Company to increase its capital stock; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

The same gentlemen, from the same committee, reported, in a new draft, a bill to change the name of the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company, and for other purposes; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of the members of the General Court, for

Henry
Emery.

Hour of
meeting.

Election dis-
tricts in
towns.

Manage-
ment of
horse rail-
ways.

Caroline M.
Osgood,
George
Osborne,
Jonathan
King and
Eben V.
King.
New Haven
and North-
ampton Co.

Athol and
Enfield
R. R. Co.

Mileage and
compensa-
tion of
members,
&c.

the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

Pond and Dunklee.

The petition of Messrs. Pond & Dunklee for work and material used in repairs on the State House, came down from the Senate, and was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Middlesex R. R. Co.

The petition of C. H. Fowler, S. M. Roberts and 3,644 others, citizens of Charlestown, in aid of the petition of the Middlesex Railroad Company for an extension of its tracks, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Horse Railways.

Public health.

A bill to amend chapter 26 of the General Statutes, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, and on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth the rule was suspended requiring that the bill be referred to a committee of the House, and the bill was read and ordered to a second reading.

Boston—erection of wooden buildings.

A bill to authorize the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Boston for sanitary purposes, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, and Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth moved a suspension of the rule which required that the bill be referred to a committee of the House. It was carried by a vote of 102 to 48. The bill was read and ordered to a second reading.

Bureau of Labor Statistics.

An order authorizing the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor to report in print, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Printing.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The bill in relation to the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize each register of deeds in the Commonwealth to appoint an assistant was amended in the second section on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, and as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary (leave to withdraw) on the petition of the selectmen of Hubbards-ton, to legalize certain action of the town in relation to school districts, was accepted.

Engrossed bills :

The bill to extend the time for the completion of the **Bills passed.**
Marblehead and Lynn Railroad Company, and the resolve
 authorizing the treasurer to borrow money in anticipation
 of the revenue, both of which originated in the House,
 were passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

The bill authorizing the register of deeds of Worcester
 to appoint an assistant was passed to be enacted. On
 motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth the vote was recon-
 sidered to await the action of the House in regard to a
 general bill covering the matter, and the bill was laid on
 the table.

The speaker announced that Mr. Vinal of Somerville **Vacancy**
 was added to the committee on Water Supply and Drain- **filled.**
 age, to fill a vacancy in said committee.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 25, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, presented the petition of Dexter **Rights of**
 Abbott & Co., and others, for a change of the law affect- **consignees.**
 ing the rights of consignees; which was referred to the
 committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Fletcher of Chelsea, the remonstrance of Charles **Chelsea**
 H. Ferson, Mayor of Chelsea, against the petition of the **bridge.**
 Mystic River Railroad Company for an additional draw in
 Chelsea Bridge; which was referred to the committee on
 Harbors and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Pay Roll make up **Mileage of**
 the mileage of members of the House. **members.**

On motion of Mr. Soule of Springfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance inquire into **Joint stock**
 the expediency of so amending chapter 375 of the acts of **insurance**
 the year 1872 as to provide that no joint stock insurance **companies.**
 company shall hereafter be organized under the laws of
 this Commonwealth, with a capital stock of less than five
 hundred thousand dollars. And that no joint stock in-
 surance company organized under the laws of this Com-
 monwealth, shall declare or pay any dividend unless the
 net assets of the company, after providing for such divi-
 dend and after deducting all liabilities of the company ex-

cept premiums on unexpired risks, shall amount to a certain percentage (to be fixed by law) on the amount of the risks in said company. And that no other restriction shall be made on the amount of dividend which such companies may pay. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

Military
courts of
inquiry.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of providing by law that officers and soldiers summoned before courts-martial or courts of inquiry shall receive compensation for attendance thereon.

Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Provisions
of wills.

A bill concerning the waiver by widows of the provisions of wills, which had been passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came down, and was referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Troy and
Greenfield
Railroad.

The report of the committee on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, in relation to leasing the same, taken from the files of last year, came down and was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The bill making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of the members of the Legislature, and for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives and for other purposes; the bill to change the name of the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company and for other purposes; and the bill authorizing the New Haven and Northampton Company to increase its capital stock, were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill in relation to the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Company, and the bill to authorize each register of deeds in the Commonwealth to appoint an assistant, were read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

A motion made by Mr. Bowker of Boston, to refer the Senate bill to amend chapter 26 of the General Statutes relating to the preservation of the public health, to the committee on the Judiciary, was lost. The bill was amended on motion of Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston and Mr. Codman of Boston, and under a suspension of the rules it

was passed to be engrossed in concurrence. The rule requiring the Clerk to retain the bill twenty-four hours was also suspended.

The Senate bill to authorize the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Boston for sanitary purposes, was amended on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, and under a suspension of the rules was passed to be engrossed, and sent immediately to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, January 27, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

An engrossed bill, authorizing the Lowell Bleachery to contract for mutual insurance with other corporations (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate. Bill passed.

Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston presented the petition of L. Maria Child and 26 other ladies, praying that the right of suffrage be extended to women; which was read and referred to the committee on that subject. Woman suffrage.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the petition of J. M. Forbes and others for the same object; which was read and referred to the same committee. Do.

Mr. Howes of Dennis, the petition of Seth Crowell and others in aid of the petition of Howes Chapman and others of Dennis for a savings bank at North Dennis; which was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Savings bank at North Dennis.

Mr. Parker of New Bedford, the petition of John Holmes, Jr., and Ellery Manchester and others, for the better protection of the interests of the pilots of this Commonwealth; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Protection of pilots.

Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge, the petition of New England Lodge No. 4, I. O. of O. F., for an act of incorporation; which was referred to the same committee. New England Lodge I. O. of O. F.

Mr. Marion of Burlington, the remonstrance of Abner Shed and 45 others, and of Nathan Blanchard and 154 others, all citizens of Burlington, against the petition of selectmen of Arlington, and the petition of George W. Robinson and others of Lexington in relation to diverting the waters of Vine Brook; which were referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Vine Brook.

Black ducks
and Canada
geese.

Mr. Sears of Barnstable, the petition of Elisha Holmes and others for the repeal of so much of the acts of the years 1869 and 1870 as relates to the killing of black ducks and Canada geese; which was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

School com-
mittees of
Chelsea.

Mr. Fletcher of Chelsea, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to the election of school committee in the city of Chelsea; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Consolida-
tion of Fitch-
burg, Ver-
mont and
Massachu-
setts, Troy
and Green-
field, and
Troy and
Boston
Railroads.

Mr. Jones of Boston presented the petition of John Foster and 240 other business firms of Boston in aid of the consolidation of the Fitchburg, Vermont and Massachusetts, Troy and Greenfield and Troy and Boston Railroad Companies; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Fraudulent
insurance.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Stoneham,—

Ordered, That the joint standing committee on Insurance consider the expediency of providing additional protection against fraudulent insurance in this Commonwealth.

Soldiers'
diplomas.

On motion of Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending the law in relation to granting diplomas to honorably discharged soldiers and sailors of this Commonwealth.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Fitchburg
and Ver-
mont and
Massachu-
setts Rail-
road Cos.

Mr. Codman of Boston presented the petition of Josiah Quincy, praying that the Commonwealth will, under its reserved rights, take possession of the Fitchburg and Vermont and Massachusetts Railroads; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Committee
on Mercan-
tile Affairs.

An order offered by Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, that the committee on Mercantile Affairs consider the expediency of reporting general bills on all applications for charters referred to it, was considered and rejected.

Coroners.

Mr. Blake of Milford, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to coroners; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Hall of the
House.

On motion of Mr. Stone of West Brookfield,—

Ordered, That the use of the hall of the House of Representative be granted to the joint special committee on Woman Suffrage, for a hearing, on Wednesday, January 29, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill,—

Ordered, That the committee on Printing consider the expediency of authorizing the commissioner appointed by the Governor and Council to establish true meridian lines in each county of the Commonwealth, to prepare his report in detail, together with any collateral matter pertinent thereto, and submit the same in print.

Commissioner to establish meridian lines.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of the selectmen of Northfield and others, in relation to the traffic in lumber on the Connecticut River, came down from the Senate, and was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Lumber on the Connecticut River.

Bills:

To unite the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation and the Stoughton Branch Railroad Company ; .

Boston and Providence Railroad and Stoughton Branch Railroad. American Hide Seat Company.

To change the name of the American Hide Seat Company ;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and ordered to a second reading.

Report of the committee on Railways (inexpedient) on the order in relation to the taking of land for the use of railroad corporations, came down and was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Land for railroad corporations.

Mr. Ladd of Springfield, from the committee on Insurance, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the Beverly Insurance Company for an amendment to its charter, and the report was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Beverly Insurance Co.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to fix the fee of persons attending as jurors before a sheriff; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Fees of jurors.

The committee on the Liquor Law, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's address as relates to the liquor law, reported a bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. The report was signed by Messrs. Coe and Bancroft of the Senate, and Messrs. Hanson of Peabody, Hall of New Bedford, Morse of Millbury, Hunt of Weymouth, Bradley of Rockport, and Saunders of Pepperell of the House. The bill was read and ordered to a second reading.

The beer law.

Messrs. Merrill of the Senate, and Hull and Bartholmesz of Boston of the House, presented a minority re-

port; which, on motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, was ordered to be printed.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bills:

Making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of the members of the Legislature, and for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives and for other purposes;

Authorizing the New Haven and Northampton Company to increase its capital stock;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to change the name of the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence in a new draft, and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 28, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Brookline
Gas Co.

Mr. Benton of Brookline presented the petition of the Brookline Gas Company, for an increase of capital stock; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Delta Psi
Society.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Delta Psi Society of Williams College; which was referred to the same committee.

West Boylston.

Mr. Cross of West Boylston, the petition of the selectmen and overseers of the town of West Boylston, that the money paid the treasurer of the State Lunatic Hospital at Worcester through misconstruction of the pauper act of 1868, be refunded; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Miller's
River.

Mr. Vinal of Somerville, the petition of George O. Brastow, Mayor of Somerville, for authority to fill the basins of Miller's River; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

On motion of Mr. Chapin of Holyoke,—

Troy and
Greenfield
R. R. and

Ordered, That His Excellency the Governor, and the Honorable Council, be respectfully requested to communi-

cate to the General Court any information in their possession relative to the action of the Commissioners of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel, under the 5th section of chapter 214 of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and any other information, not heretofore communicated, concerning the right of the Commonwealth in the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield and Southern Vermont Railroads.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

Mr. Fletcher of Chelsea, on leave, introduced a bill to facilitate the further completion and equipment of the Winthrop Railroad Company; which was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Winthrop
R. R. Co.

On motion of Mr. Abbott of Malden,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider the expediency of amending chapter 348 of the acts of 1872 by adding a new section, with penalties sufficient to cause corporations to comply with the provisions of the act. Also that the payment for a ticket shall constitute an application, or of repealing the chapter referred to.

Cheap
morning
and evening
trains.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, the petition of Josiah Quincy, praying that the Commonwealth will, under its reserved rights, take possession of the Fitchburg and Vermont and Massachusetts Railroads, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Railways.

Fitchburg
and Ver-
mont and
Massachu-
setts Rail-
road Cos.

The Speaker announced that he had received a memorial from Hon. Julius L. Clarke, Insurance Commissioner, asking for additional office accommodations, owing to the large increase of the business of his department; which was read and referred to the committee on the State House.

Insurance
Commis-
sioner—of-
fice facili-
ties.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Judd of Lee, the petition of Isaac C. Ives, Justice of the Police Court in Lee, for an increase of salary; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Justice of
Lee police
court.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending the laws so that the jurisdiction of justices of the peace may be extended throughout the Commonwealth.

Jurisdiction
of justices of
the peace.

On motion of Mr. Marden of Lowell,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of further legislation to prevent the careless use of fire-arms.

Careless use
of firearms.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield,—
Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be requested to consider the expediency of further legislation in regard to the par value of shares in the capital stock of corporations.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—
Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 133 of the General Statutes, so that judgments rendered for the payment of money shall bear interest at the same rate expressed in the contract upon which judgment is based.

Papers from the Senate.

Nathaniel Freeman. The petition of Nathaniel Freeman for compensation for labor and materials furnished for repairs upon the state house, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Woman suffrage. The memorial of the Woman's Suffrage Association, asking for abolishment of all political distinctions on account of sex, was referred in concurrence to the joint special committee on Woman Suffrage.

Auditor's report. On motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, the Auditor's Report was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Finance.

Henry Emery. The Speaker announced the appointment of the following named gentlemen as a special committee on the petition of Henry Emery on the part of the House :—Messrs. Marden of Lowell, Mason of Plymouth, Sanger of Danvers, Soule of Springfield, and Haynes of Townsend.

Windows in room No. 10. Mr. Tarr of Gloucester, from the committee on the State House, reported an order directing the Sergeant-at-Arms to raise the windows in room No. 10, to secure more light and better ventilation; which was adopted, and on motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield the rule was suspended requiring it to remain in the hands of the Clerk one day, and the order was sent immediately to the Senate.

Henry E. Gilbert. Mr. Dudley of Northampton, from the committee on Claims, reported a resolve in favor of Henry E. Gilbert, for state aid; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Hubbardston—standard scales. Mr. Hayes of Medford, from the committee on Towns, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the selectmen of Hubbardston for replacing of standard scales de-

stroyed by fire. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a resolve providing compensation for lands used by the several organizations of the militia for encampments during the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance. Military encampments.

A communication was received from the Hon. Charles Adams, Jr., submitting the report of the deputy state tax commissioner, giving a summary statement of the results of the corporation tax law for the current year; which was referred to the committee on Finance. Report of deputy tax commissioner.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill to change the name of the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company was passed to be engrossed. The reconsideration was carried, and on Mr. Hoyt's motion the bill was amended and then passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. Athol and Enfield R. R. Co.

Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on Printing, reported that the resolve in relation to the Provincial Laws of Massachusetts ought to pass. Read and ordered to a second reading. Provincial laws.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported, in a new draft, a bill to limit the service of jurors in the County of Suffolk. Read and ordered to a second reading. Service of jurors.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill making additional appropriations for certain expenses authorized in the year 1872 and previous years, and for other purposes. Read and ordered to a second reading. Appropriation bill.

Engrossed bills:

Bills passed.

To amend chapter 26 of the General Statutes in relation to the preservation of the public health; and

Authorizing the erection of wooden buildings for sanitary purposes in the city of Boston;

(Which originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bills:

To fix the fee of persons attending as jurors before a sheriff;

To change the name of the American Hide Seat Company; and

To unite the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation and the Stoughton Branch Railroad Company;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Insurance (leave to withdraw) on the petition of the Beverly Insurance Company, for an amendment of its charter, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Railways (inexpedient) on an order in relation to the taking of land for the use of railroad corporations, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill in further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, was considered.

Mr. Granger of Boston, moved to amend the bill by adding a new section to be section No. 3, as follows:

SECT. 3. Chapter 415 of the acts of the year 1869 is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "lager-bier," in the 6th line, the word "cider."

Mr. Loughlin of Lowell offered the following substitute:—

SECT. 1. An inhabitant of any city or town may manufacture, sell, or keep for sale therein, ale porter, strong beer or lager-bier; but nothing herein contained shall authorize any person to sell ale, porter, strong beer or lager-bier during any part of the Lord's day.

SECT. 2. This act shall take full effect on the first Tuesday of May next.

Pending the consideration of the bill and the amendments, on motion of Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge, the House, by a vote of 110 to 47,

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 29, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

William H.
Hammond.

Mr. Sparks of Provincetown, presented the petition of William H. Hammond for state aid; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Norman W.
Shores.

Mr. Judd of Lee, the petition of Norman W. Shores, guardian, for state aid; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Breed of Lynn, the petition of Alfred A. Stocker, Alfred A. Stocker. for state aid now due; which was also referred to the same committee.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, the petition of C. A. Bartol and Causeway near Manchester. others, for a causeway across an arm of the sea in Manchester; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Mr. Clark of Newburyport, the petition of the city of Newburyport—filling of docks. Newburyport for authority to fill certain docks and for authority to execute deeds of conveyance of same; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Mr. Ladd of Springfield, on leave, introduced a bill to Springfield—water supply. amend chapter 345 of the acts of the year 1872, entitled "An act to supply the city of Springfield with water"; which was referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider the Railroad accidents. expediency of further legislation relating to the returns of accidents by railroad corporations.

Mr. Bonner of Hadley presented the remonstrance of Hoosac Tunnel. F. Edson and 106 other citizens of Hadley, against the sale, lease, &c., of the Hoosac Tunnel; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

On motion of Mr. Whitfield of Fairhaven,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking Deposits in savings banks. consider the expediency of limiting by law the aggregate amount of deposits in any one savings bank in this Commonwealth.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Sanford of Taunton presented the petition of Sherman White. Sherman White of New Bedford for relief and compensation for land taken for the water works of said city; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the remonstrance of Asahel District court of Western Middlesex. Balcom against the petition for the establishment of a district court for Western Middlesex; which was referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Seaver of Taunton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire Compensation of court officers. into the expediency of so amending chapter 331 of the acts and resolves of the year 1872, that the same may apply to the courts in every county of the Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Gas light
companies
—general
law.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending the statutes so that gas light companies may have power to increase their capital stock to one million of dollars, and may organize under general laws with a capital not exceeding that amount.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Warehousing
of
goods.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary report if any legislation is necessary in regard to the warehousing of goods.

On motion of Mr. Stone of West Brookfield,—

Hall of the
House.

Ordered, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the joint special committee on Woman Suffrage, for a hearing on Wednesday, February 5, 1873, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Paper from the Senate.

East Boston
Gas Co.

The petition of the East Boston Gas Company for an increase of capital stock, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Manufactures.

New Bedford
Railroad Co.—
consolidation.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on Railways, reported a bill to incorporate the New Bedford Railroad Company and to authorize the consolidation of railroads between New Bedford and Fitchburg and for other purposes; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Dog law.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill in relation to licensing and registering dogs in cities. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Thayer
Academy.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to authorize the town of Braintree to raise \$20,000 for the Thayer Academy. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Plymouth
—Duxbury
and Cohasset
R. R. Co.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, from the committee on Railways, reported a bill to authorize the town of Plymouth to take stock in the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Report of
deputy tax
commissioner.

Mr. Phillips of Salem moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the annual report of the deputy state tax commissioner was referred to the committee on Finance; which was carried.

He then moved that the report be laid on the table and ordered to be printed; which was carried.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem,—

Ordered, That the report of the deputy tax commissioner be printed for the use of the Legislature, and that five hundred (500) extra copies be printed for the use of the tax commissioner. Deputy tax commissioner.

Mr. Hanson of Peabody, moved that when the vote be taken on the bill in relation to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, it be at four o'clock, unless sooner reached. The motion was carried. The beer law.

The orders of the day were then taken up.

The bill in further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, was considered. Orders of the day.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth, offered the following amendments to the bill :—

SECT. 3. Any person may manufacture ale, porter, strong beer, lager-bier, or may sell or keep for sale ale, porter, strong beer, lager-bier, where the same is not sold or kept with intent to be sold at a public bar or to be drank on the premises.

SECT. 4. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed to require any change in the forms of pleading now or heretofore used in the trials of criminal causes, and in all criminal prosecutions in which the defendant relies for his justification upon the fact that intoxicating liquor sold or kept for sale by him is ale, porter, strong beer or lager-bier sold or intended to be sold in conformity to this act, he shall prove the same; and, until such proof, the presumption shall be that the intoxicating liquor so sold or kept for sale is not ale, porter, strong beer or lager-bier sold or intended to be sold in conformity to this act.

After considerable debate, on motion of Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, the yeas and nays were called on the amendment of Mr. Granger of Boston, and the amendment was lost by a vote of 47 to 168. The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. George Bartholmesz,
John Bigelow,
William R. Black,
George B. Blake,
Dennis Bonner,
Bowman B. Breed,

Sumner Carruth,
Henry B. Chamberlin,
John B. D. Cogswell,
William H. Cook,
George G. Crocker,
Daniel A. Cronin,

Messrs. I. W. Derby,
T. F. Fitz Gerald,
John W. Fletcher,
A. J. Gove,
Brownell Granger,
Lewis Hayden,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Benjamin Heath,
Henry B. Hill,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
David P. Howes,
Barney Hull,
Jesse E. Keith,
William R. Kentfield,
Lucius W. Knight,
William H. Loughlin,
Charles W. Morrill,
Andrew M. Morton,

Messrs. John A. Nowell,
Liberty D. Packard,
Albert Palmer,
J. Winslow Pierce,
Henry W. Phelps,
J. Henry Reed,
John W. Regan,
Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,
John Samson,
Roger H. Scannell,
Nathan B. Seaver,
Robert Seaver,
Henry P. Shattuck,
William Taylor,
Hugh J. Toland,
Robert R. Wiley,
Henry W. Wilson.

NAYS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
Wales Aldrich,
Francis R. Allen,
Walter B. Allen,
A. S. Atherton,
Horace C. Bacon,
Aaron Bagg,
Andrew J. Bailey,
Nahum Bailey, Jr.,
William Baker,
George W. Bardwell,
James M. Barker,
John M. Batchelder,
Elijah E. Belding,
Ezekiel D. Bement,
Austin W. Benton,
Edward A. Berdge,
Hiram Berry,
Edward L. Bigelow,
Sanford W. Billings,
Peleg Blankinship,
William E. Blunt,
Franklin Bonney,
Horace L. Bowker,
James W. Bradley,
Richard F. Briggs,
Richard Britton,
Giles E. Brownell,
Moses L. Buck,
William H. Buck,

Messrs. Addison Burnett,
Henry Burt,
Jacob B. Calley,
Adam Capen, Jr.,
Charles V. Carpenter,
Edward W. Chapin,
Francis W. Clark,
George W. Clark,
Charles R. Codman,
John S. Coney,
George Copeland,
Robert Couch,
William A. Creesy,
Charles Crittenden,
Joseph W. Cross,
John Cummings,
Ben. C. Currier,
John Cushing,
William F. Darby,
George E. Davis,
Joshua W. Davis,
George J. Dean,
Seymour B. Dewey,
Lewis J. Dudley,
Joseph Dyer,
Henderson J. Edwards,
Alonzo H. Evans,
George O. Fairbanks,
C. C. Field,
Harrison O. Field,

Messrs. John H. Fisher,
Eustace C. Fitz,
John E. Fitzgerald,
Daniel C. Fletcher,
Granville E. Foss,
H. M. French,
John Gates,
Addison Gilbert,
Charles A. Gleason,
Asa H. Goddard,
Fitz E. Griffin,
Isaac D. Hall,
Charles V. Hanson,
Simeon Hardy,
George H. Harlow,
Austin Hawley,
David P. Hatch,
Francis B. Hayes,
Samuel S. Haynes,
Samuel W. Heath,
Lot Higgins,
Samuel E. Hildreth,
Amos Hill,
John W. Hollis,
Charles J. Holmes,
Lewis Holmes,
Emory A. Howard,
George H. Hoyt,
Richard H. Humphrey,
Atherton E. Hunt,
Thomas P. Hurlbut,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Alexis W. Ide,
Thomas Ingalls,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Jonathan Johnson,
Thomas M. Judd,
Charles R. Ladd,
Noah D. Ladd,
Almond R. Lancaster,
Willard Lewis,
George A. Marden,
Albert Mason,
David Mayhew,
Samuel W. McDaniel,
Thomas J. Morgan,
C. D. Morse,
Lewis R. Norton,
Edward O. Noyes,
Weaver Osborn,

Messrs. John B. Parker,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
John Perkins,
Charles Perley,
Calvin T. Phillips,
Willard P. Phillips,
William C. Plunkett,
Francis E. Porter,
Rodolphus Porter,
George Purrington, Jr.,
Philip H. Robinson,
George T. Ryder,
George Sanborn,
Edward Sanford,
George J. Sanger,
George P. Sanger,
Joseph L. Sargent,
Amos J. Saunders,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Augustus J. Sawyer,
John C. Scott,
Nathaniel Sears,
Amos W. Shumway,
Henry C. Skinner,
James Smith,
Joshua B. Smith,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Henry Splaine,
Franklin H. Sprague,
Oliver M. Stacey,
Francis D. Stedman,
William Stewart,
Thomas N. Stone,
John H. Studley,
Andrew H. Sweet,
Charles Talbot,
James G. Tarr,
E. Loring Thayer,
Joseph A. Titus,
Marcus Truesdell,
Q. A. Vinal,
William N. Walker,
Rodney Wallace,
Andrew J. Waters,
Edward F. Watson,
T. W. Wellington,
James L. White,
Tisdale S. White,
William H. Whitfield,

Messrs. George H. Whitman,	Messrs. Samuel Winslow,
Austin Whitney,	Oliver Wolcott,
Benjamin F. Wing,	Moses D. Woodbury,
Ezra D. Winslow,	Elijah N. Woods.

Yeas, 47 ; nays, 168.

Mr. Mason's amendment was lost. The substitute offered by Mr. Loughlin of Lowell was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Loughlin of Lowell, the yeas and nays were then called on the question of ordering the bill to a third reading. The bill was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 145 to 72. The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,	Messrs. George Copeland,
Wales Aldrich,	William A. Creesy,
Francis R. Allen,	Charles Crittenden,
Walter B. Allen,	Daniel A. Cronin,
A. S. Atherton,	Joseph W. Cross,
Aaron Bagg,	John Cummings,
Nahum Bailey, Jr.,	John Cushing,
William Baker,	William F. Darby,
George W. Bardwell,	George E. Davis,
John M. Batchelder,	Joshua W. Davis,
Elijah E. Belding,	George J. Dean,
Ezekiel D. Bement,	Seymour B. Dewey,
Edward A. Berdge,	Joseph Dyer,
Hiram Berry,	Henderson J. Edwards,
Edward L. Bigelow,	Alonzo H. Evans,
Sanford W. Billings,	George O. Fairbanks,
George B. Blake,	C. C. Field,
Peleg Blankinship,	Harrison O. Field,
Franklin Bonney,	John H. Fisher,
James W. Bradley,	Eustace C. Fitz,
Bowman B. Breed,	Daniel C. Fletcher,
Richard F. Briggs,	John Gates,
Richard Britton,	Addison Gilbert,
Giles E. Brownell,	Charles A. Gleason,
Moses L. Buck,	Asa H. Goddard,
William H. Buck,	Fitz E. Griffin,
Addison Burnett,	Isaac D. Hall,
Henry Burt,	Charles V. Hanson,
Adam Capen, Jr.,	Simeon Hardy,
Charles V. Carpenter,	George H. Harlow,
Francis W. Clark,	Austin Hawley,
George W. Clark,	David P. Hatch,
John B. D. Cogswell,	Lewis Hayden,
John S. Coney,	Samuel S. Haynes,

Messrs. Samuel W. Heath,
 Lot Higgins,
 Samuel E. Hildreth,
 Amos Hill,
 John W. Hollis,
 Charles J. Holmes,
 Lewis Holmes,
 Emory A. Howard,
 David P. Howes,
 George H. Hoyt,
 E. Atherton Hunt,
 Thomas P. Hurlbut,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Alexis W. Ide,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 Jesse E. Keith,
 Charles R. Ladd,
 Noah D. Ladd,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 Willard Lewis,
 George A. Marden,
 David Mayhew,
 Samuel W. McDaniel,
 Thomas J. Morgan,
 Charles W. Morrill,
 C. D. Morse,
 Lewis R. Norton,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Weaver Osborn,
 Liberty D. Packard,
 John B. Parker,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 John Perkins,
 Charles Perley,
 Calvin T. Phillips,
 William C. Plunkett,
 Francis E. Porter,
 Rodolphus Porter,

Messrs. George Purrington, Jr.,
 Philip H. Robinson,
 George T. Ryder,
 Edward Sanford,
 George J. Sanger,
 Amos J. Saunders,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 Augustus J. Sawyer,
 John C. Scott,
 Henry C. Skinner,
 Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 Oliver M. Stacey,
 William Stewart,
 Thomas N. Stone,
 William B. Stone,
 Charles Talbot,
 James G. Tarr,
 E. Loring Thayer,
 Joseph A. Titus,
 Marcus Truesdell,
 Q. A. Vinal,
 William N. Walker,
 Rodney Wallace,
 Andrew J. Waters,
 Edward F. Watson,
 James L. White,
 Tisdale S. White,
 William H. Whitfield,
 George H. Whitman,
 Austin Whitney,
 Benjamin F. Wing,
 Ezra D. Winslow,
 Samuel Winslow,
 Oliver Wolcott,
 Moses D. Woodbury,
 Elijah N. Woods.

NAYS.

Messrs. Horace C. Bacon,
 Andrew J. Bailey,
 James M. Barker,
 George Bartholmesz,
 Austin W. Benton,
 John Bigelow,
 William R. Black,
 William E. Blunt,
 Dennis Bonner,

Messrs. Horace L. Bowker,
 Jacob B. Calley,
 Sumner Carruth,
 Henry B. Chamberlin,
 Edward W. Chapin,
 Charles R. Codman,
 William H. Cook,
 Robert Couch,
 George G. Crocker,

<p>Messrs. Ben. C. Currier, I. W. Derby, Lewis J. Dudley, John E. Fitzgerald, Thomas F. Fitz Gerald, John W. Fletcher, Granville E. Foss, H. M. French, A. J. Gove, Brownell Granger, Benjamin F. Haynes, Francis B. Hayes, Benjamin Heath, Henry B. Hill, Samuel B. Hopkins, Barney Hull, Richard H. Humphrey, Thomas Ingalls, Thomas M. Judd, William R. Kentfield, Lucius W. Knight, William H. Loughlin, Elijah Marion, Albert Mason, Andrew M. Morton, John A. Nowell, Albert Palmer,</p>	<p>Messrs. Daniel A. Patch, J. Winslow Pierce, Henry W. Phelps, Willard P. Phillips, J. Henry Read, John W. Regan, Stephen D. Salmon, Jr., John Samson, George Sanborn, George P. Sanger, Joseph L. Sargent, Roger H. Scannell, Nathaniel Sears, Nathan B. Seaver, Robert Seaver, Henry P. Shattuck, Amos W. Shumway, James Smith, Joshua B. Smith, Henry Splaine, Francis D. Stedman, John H. Studley, William Taylor, Hugh J. Toland, T. W. Wellington, Robert R. Wiley, Henry W. Wilson.</p>
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Yeas, 145 ; nays, 72.

The resolve in relation to the Provincial Laws of Massachusetts was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills passed. Engrossed bills :

Authorizing a special meeting of the New England Moral Reform Society ;

To unite the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company of this state with the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company of New Hampshire ;

Making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

The bill confirming the location of the Old Colony Railroad from Wellfleet to Provincetown (which originated in the Senate), was also passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Pending the consideration of the orders of the day, the House, on motion of Mr. Cook of Boston, by a vote of 95 to 60,

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 30, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge presented the petition of Leeds, Robinson and Company and 312 merchants and business firms of Boston in aid of the consolidation of the Fitchburg, Vermont and Massachusetts, Troy and Greenfield, and Troy and Boston Railroad Companies as the Hoosac Tunnel Railroad Company; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Consolidation of Fitchburg, Vermont & Massachusetts, Troy and Greenfield, and Troy and Boston Railroad Cos.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol, the petition of Alpheus Harding and 648 others, citizens of Athol, in aid of the bill to consolidate the Fitchburg, Vermont and Massachusetts, Troy and Boston Railroads and the state railroad forming part of the line from Boston to Troy; which was referred to the same committee.

Do.

On motion of Mr. Hammond of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider the expediency of providing by statute that no state director in any railroad corporation of the Commonwealth shall hold or own, directly or indirectly, any stock, bonds or indebtedness in said corporation, and that the ownership of such stock, bonds or indebtedness shall disqualify any such director, now or hereafter, to be chosen or appointed for discharging the functions of his place.

State railroad directors.

Also, that the same committee consider the expediency of providing that the state directors in every railroad corporation in which the Commonwealth has an interest shall annually make to the Legislature, on or before the third Wednesday of January, a report upon the condition and business of their several roads, with such suggestions concerning the management of said roads as shall in their judgment best conduce to the public good.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

Ordered, That the report of each daily hearing before the committee on Railways, upon matters relating to the

Railway hearings.

consolidation of railroad lines leading from Boston to the Hoosac Tunnel, be printed for the use of the Legislature under the direction of said committee.

The rule was suspended requiring this order to remain in the hands of the Clerk one day, and it was sent immediately to the Senate.

First National Bank of Adams.

Mr. Plunkett of Adams presented the petition of the First National Bank of Adams for relief of taxes twice paid; which was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Savings bank at Methuen.

Mr. Foss of Methuen, the petition of John Davis and others for a savings bank at Methuen; which was referred to the same committee.

South Danvers Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

Mr. Hanson of Peabody, the petition of the South Danvers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Peabody, for extension of charter; which was referred to the committee on Insurance.

Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Co.

Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, the petition of the stockholders of the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company for an amendment of their charter; which was referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston,—

Insurance policies.

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider and report what legislation, if any, is necessary to prevent life insurance companies from other states or countries issuing, in this Commonwealth, policies of such kind or form as companies chartered by this Commonwealth are by its laws forbidden to issue.

Rowanna W. Bennett and Susan Latham.

Mr. Holmes of Bridgewater, the petition of Rowanna W. Bennett and Susan Latham for refunding of a bank tax; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

George Downes.

Mr. Knight of Boston, the petition of George Downes for state aid; which was referred to the same committee.

Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol, the memorial of Henry L. Acker, chairman, and Herman B. Van Tronk, secretary, of the Pennsylvania State Central Labor Committee, and Horace M. Richards of Philadelphia, in favor of the perpetuation of the Bureau of Labor Statistics; which was referred to the committee on Labor.

Ten-hour law.

Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston, the petition of the Societal Reconstruction Association in favor of a ten-hour law; which was referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Billings of Sharon,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of amending section 16, chapter 38 of the General Statutes by inserting in the sixth line, after the word "years" in said section, the following:—

Women on
school com-
mittees.

"And in case any town shall choose a committee of three members, one of the persons chosen shall be a woman, and when the committee chosen consists of more than three, not less than one-third of such committee shall be women. After the passage of this act, in filling vacancies which may occur in committees then existing, women shall be elected until they constitute one-third of the committee."

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Fletcher of Littleton presented the remonstrance of E. Whitney and other legal voters of Stow against the establishment of a district court in Western Middlesex; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

District
court in
Western
Middlesex.

Mr. Ryder of Foxborough, the petition of William T. Cook and 166 others, for the repeal of the laws which provide for an income tax from trade, profession or employment; which was referred to the same committee.

Income tax.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing by statute for a codification of the laws.

Codification
of the laws.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting the annual returns of the registers of deeds and the returns of the sheriffs; also an abstract of the certificates of corporations organized under the general laws of the state; which were referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Annual re-
turns of reg-
isters of
deeds and
sheriffs.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of E. W. James and 60 others for the passage of a law compelling the Metropolitan Railroad Company and the Union Railroad Company to furnish commutation tickets and to reduce their rates of fare, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Horse Railways.

Horse rail-
way com-
mutation
tickets.

The petition of M. V. B. Mower and others to be incorporated as the Lynn City Horse Railroad Company, was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Lynn City
Horse Rail-
road Co.

A bill to extend the time for the location and construction of the Tyngsborough and Brookline Railroad (introduced on leave in the Senate), was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Tyngsbor-
ough and
Brookline
R. R. Co.

Boston and
Lowell Rail-
road.

A bill relating to the freight bridge of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

Benjamin
D. Dixie.

The petition of Benjamin D. Dixie of Marblehead for extension of his wharf, was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Member-
ship in par-
ishes and re-
ligious soci-
eties.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies consider whether any further legislation is necessary or expedient to define what shall constitute membership in parishes and religious societies.

Chelsea—
school com-
mittee.

The bill in relation to the election of the school committee in the city of Chelsea, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Education.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

The report of the committee on Printing (ought not to pass) on the order relative to allowing the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor to report in print, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

West Tis-
bury Par-
sonage.

Mr. Cross of West Boylston, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, reported a bill to repeal chapter 107 of the acts of 1852. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Parishes
and relig-
ious soci-
eties.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient on the order relative to further legislation in regard to parishes and religious societies.

Jurisdiction
of justices of
the peace.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the same committee, reported inexpedient on an order relative to extending the jurisdiction of justices of the peace.

Careless use
of fire-arms.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the same committee, reported inexpedient in regard to further legislation to prevent the careless use of fire-arms.

Brookline—
laying out of
public
ways.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of town of Brookline, for authority to lay out ways without being compelled to build the same within the time now fixed by law.

Donations
to churches.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of William Clafin and others, for an amendment to section 1 of chapter 31 of the General Statutes.

Issues of
fact for
juries.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported inexpedient on an order relative to amending section 22 of chapter 113 of the General Statutes.

Pedrick and
Clossen.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Messrs. Pedrick and Clossen, auctioneers.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported inexpedient on an order relative to giving municipal and police courts power to issue naturalization papers. Naturalization papers.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, also reported inexpedient on an order relative to interest upon judgments. Interest upon judgments.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the same committee, reported inexpedient on an order relative to allowing towns to vote in wards or districts in certain elections. Election districts in towns.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the same committee, reported a bill to limit the capital of gas light corporations. Read and ordered to a second reading. Capital of gas light corporations.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the same committee, reported a bill to establish a grade in the town of Brookline. Read and ordered to a second reading. Grade in Brookline.

The annual report of the state inspector of gas and gas-meters was received and laid upon the table and ordered to be printed. Inspector of gas.

The orders of the day were then taken up. Orders of the day.

Bills :

To limit the service of jurors in the county of Suffolk ;
Making additional appropriations for certain expenses authorized in the year 1872 and previous years, and for other purposes ;

To incorporate the New Bedford Railroad Company, and to authorize the consolidation of railroads between New Bedford and Fitchburg, and for other purposes ;

To authorize the town of Plymouth to take stock in the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company ;

In relation to licensing and registering dogs in cities ;

To authorize the town of Braintree to raise \$20,000 for the Thayer Academy ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to fix the fee of persons attending as jurors before a sheriff ; and

Resolve in relation to the Provincial Laws of Massachusetts ;

Were passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To change the name of the American Hide Seat Company (which was amended) ; and

To unite the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation and the Stoughton Branch Railroad Company ;

Were severally passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill in further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, was then considered.

Mr. Bowker of Boston offered an amendment that the bill be referred to a special committee, which was lost.

Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston moved an amendment providing that Rhine wine be exempt from the provisions of the bill. The amendment was lost.

Mr. Sears of Barnstable then offered an amendment that the bill should not take effect until after the adjournment of the Legislature, which was also lost.

Mr. Ladd of Springfield offered an amendment that the bill take effect on the first Tuesday of May next, which was adopted.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth moved to strike out the words "before any court" in the second section of the bill. The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston moved that the minority report be substituted for the bill, but subsequently withdrew his motion.

Mr. Cook of Boston called for the yeas and nays, but the motion was lost, and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills passed. Engrossed bills :

Relative to the qualification of commissioners for Massachusetts in other states and in territories ;

In addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 31, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Obstruc-
tions in
Connecticut
River.

Mr. Belding of Northfield presented the petition of Leonard Barton and 55 others, selectmen and citizens of Gill, asking that obstructions in the Connecticut River may be removed ; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Also, the petition of Edwin Lyman and others, citizens of Northfield, of the same character; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol, the remonstrance of Section 2 of the Boston International Workingmen's Association against the abolition of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, with a prayer for the printing of the report of said bureau; which was referred to the joint special committee on the Labor Question.

Mr. Fisher of Franklin the petition of George N. Townsend of Bellingham, for refunding of a bank tax; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Wallace of Fitchburg, the petition of A. Norcross, mayor of Fitchburg, and 347 others, in favor of the consolidation of the Fitchburg, Vermont and Massachusetts, Troy and Greenfield and Troy and Boston Railroads; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways be instructed to examine and report whether any returns ought to be required of railroad corporations in addition to those now required by law. Also, whether any legislation is necessary to prevent abuses and corruption in the management of through freight lines.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 320 of the acts of 1868, in relation to the assessment of taxes upon estates omitted in the annual taxation.

Mr. Hayes of Boston presented the petition of Messrs. Gardner Brewer, George Tyler Bigelow and 34 others, for amendment of section 20, chapter 371 of the acts of 1872, relative to limiting the height of buildings; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Sprague of Framingham,—

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee consider the expediency of amending chapter 389 of the acts of 1870, so that the appointing powers under said act may revoke any certificate issued by them, to apothecaries or druggists.

On motion of Mr. Holmes of Fall River,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider expediency of amending the provisions of chapter 233 of

Bureau of
Labor Sta-
tistics.

George N.
Townsend.

Consolidation of
Fitchburg,
Vermont &
Massachusetts,
Troy and Green-
field, and
Troy and
Boston Rail-
road Cos.

Returns of
railroad cor-
porations.

Assessment
of taxes.

The build-
ing act.

Apothecar-
ies and
druggists.

Land for
United
States post-
offices.

the acts and resolves of 1870-71, so that they may apply to lands acquired by the United States for post-offices.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield,—

Contagious
diseases.

Ordered, That the committee on Finance be requested to ascertain and report to the House the probable amount of expense incurred by towns, and payable out of the treasury of the Commonwealth, under chapter 189 of the acts of 1872; and also how much of that expense is due to the repeal of the laws regulating the admission of alien passengers.

Papers from the Senate.

Lee and
Hudson
R. R. Co.

A bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Lee and Hudson Railroad Company (introduced on leave in the Senate), was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Halifax—
rent of arm-
ory.

The petition of the selectmen of Halifax in relation to rent of an armory, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Military Affairs.

Capital
stock of cor-
porations.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to allowing corporations to increase and diminish their capital stock; which was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Appropri-
ation bill.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill making appropriations for expenses of the State Almshouse, the State Prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Industrial School for Girls, the Bridgewater Workhouse, the State Primary School at Monson, and for other purposes; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Somerset
Humane and Religious
Society.

Mr. Cross of West Boylston, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, reported a bill to allow the members of the Somerset Humane and Religious Society to hold a meeting for the choice of officers. Read and ordered to a second reading.

First parish
in Rowley.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported a bill in addition to the several acts concerning the first parish in Rowley. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Inspectors
of State
Prison.

Mr. Chapin of Holyoke, from the committee on Finance, reported a resolve to authorize payment of certain expenses incurred by the inspectors of the State Prison. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Henry E.
Gilbert.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the committee on Finance, reported that the resolve in favor of Henry E. Gil-

bert be recommitted to the committee on Claims. The report was accepted.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

The reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

Inexpedient, on the order relative to additional legislation in regard to parishes and religious societies ;

Inexpedient, in regard to further legislation to prevent the careless use of fire-arms ;

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of the town of Brookline, for authority to lay out ways without being compelled to build the same within the time now fixed by law ;

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of William Claffin and others for an amendment to section 1 of chapter 31 of the General Statutes ;

Inexpedient, on the order relative to extending the jurisdiction of justices of the peace ;

Inexpedient, on an order relative to amending section 22 of chapter 113 of the General Statutes ;

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Messrs. Pedrick and Clossen ;

Inexpedient, on an order relative to interest upon judgments ;

Inexpedient, on an order relative to allowing towns to vote in wards or districts in certain elections, were severally accepted.

When the report of the committee on the Judiciary (inexpedient) on an order relative to giving municipal and police courts power to issue naturalization papers was considered, Mr. Loughlin of Lowell moved to substitute a bill giving municipal and police courts jurisdiction in the matter. The substitute was rejected and the report of the committee was accepted.

Bills :

To limit the capital of gas light corporations ;

To establish a grade in the town of Brookline ;

To repeal chapter 107 of the acts of 1852 ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Making additional appropriations for certain expenses authorized in the year 1872 and previous years, and for other purposes ;

To incorporate the New Bedford Railroad Company,

and to authorize the consolidation of railroads between New Bedford and Fitchburg, and for other purposes ;

To authorize the town of Plymouth to take stock in the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company ;

In relation to licensing and registering dogs in cities ;

To authorize the town of Braintree to raise \$20,000 for the Thayer Academy ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence offered an amendment to the bill to limit the service of jurors in Suffolk County, providing that the provisions of the bill may be extended throughout the Commonwealth. The amendment was lost, and the bill, which originated in the Senate, was passed to be engrossed in a new draft and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Printing (ought not to pass) on the order relative to allowing the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor to report in print was considered.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth moved to refer the order to the joint special committee on the Labor Question.

After considerable debate Mr. Phillips of Salem moved to lay the order on the table ; and the motion was carried by a vote of 98 to 36.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Hoyt of Athol, the vote was reconsidered.

After debate, Mr. Stedman of Boston renewed the motion of Mr. Phillips, that the matter be laid upon the table.

When the question was put a quorum of the House did not vote ; and on motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown the House

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 1, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Milford and
Woon-
socket R. R.

Mr. Blake of Milford presented the petition of George W. Johnson and others of Milford to extend the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad to the Rhode Island line ; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

On motion of Mr. Saunders of Pepperell,—

Transportation of
freight.

Ordered, That the committee on Railways inquire whether any legislation is necessary in relation to the

charges for the transportation of freight upon railroads, made in violation of chapter 363 of the acts and resolves of the year 1871.

On motion of Mr. Hayden of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Federal Relations be requested to inquire into the expediency of instructing our senators and requesting our representatives in congress to secure to the struggling patriots of Cuba the recognition of our government of their belligerent rights. Cuban patriots.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston presented the petition of A. G. Fisher, notary public, that notaries public may be authorized to administer such oaths as justices of the peace are now allowed throughout the Commonwealth; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Notaries public.

On motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending the city charter of Haverhill as to provide for the election of three persons as members of the board of overseers of the poor, in the same manner and for the same terms of service as assessors. Also to confer the veto power upon the mayor of said city. Haverhill—city charter.

On motion of Mr. Soule of Springfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing by law that the mayors of the several cities in the Commonwealth shall have the power to veto the doings of the city councils of their respective cities. Mayors of cities—veto power.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of the city of Newburyport for authority to fill certain docks, and for authority to execute deeds of conveyance of the same, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors. Newburyport—filling of docks.

A bill concerning pilotage, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Pilotage.

The petition of Messrs. Elijah H. Luke, Thomas M. Brady and 190 other citizens of Cambridge, in aid of the bill providing that the citizens of the towns and cities surrounding Boston may vote upon the question of annexation, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns. Cambridge—vote on annexation.

Fall River—
horse rail-
way.

The petition of Weaver Osborn and 201 other citizens of Fall River, for the establishment of a horse railway in Fall River, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Horse Railways.

Impartial
execution of
the laws.

The petition of G. W. Coburn of Dracut and others, in aid of the memorial of Daniel Holt and others, for an impartial execution of the laws, was referred in concurrence to the joint special committee on the Liquor Law.

Westbor-
ough—
water sup-
ply.

The petition for an act for supplying the town of Westboro' with pure water, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Fishways.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Fisheries consider the expediency of restricting the right and authority of the commissioners on island fisheries to require fishways to be erected in streams where mill-dams have been maintained without fishways for a long term of years.

American
Print
Works.

A bill, introduced on leave in the Senate, to authorize the American Print Works Company to enlarge their wharf in Fall River, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

The petition of said company, praying for such enlargement, was also referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The report of the committee on Printing (ought not to pass) on the order relative to allowing the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor to report in print, was considered.

Mr. Sprague of Framingham, called for the yeas and nays on Mr. Stedman's motion that the matter be laid upon the table.

Mr. Sprague's motion was lost, as was also that of Mr. Stedman, the latter by a vote of 56 to 69.

The motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth that the report and order be referred to the committee on the Labor Question, was carried.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary (inexpedient) on the order relative to allowing corporations to increase and diminish their capital stock, was accepted.

The bill making appropriations for expenses of the State Almshouse, the State Prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Industrial School for Girls, the Bridgewater Workhouse, the State Primary School at Monson, and for

other purposes, was, on motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, postponed for consideration until Monday.

Bills :

To allow the members of the Somerset Humane and Religious Society to hold a meeting for the choice of officers ;

In addition to the several acts concerning the first parish in Rowley ; and the

Resolve to authorize payment of certain expenses incurred by the inspectors of the state prison, were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the bill to repeal chapter 107 of the acts of 1852, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Osborn of Fall River, the House Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 3, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Codman of Boston, presented the remonstrance of the Anti-Woman Suffrage Association of Massachusetts, protesting against the extension of suffrage to women ; which was referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Mr. Clark of Boston, the petition of Avery Plumer and others, for incorporation as the Commercial Exchange Building Company and for other purposes ; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Mr. Smith of Boston, on leave, introduced a resolve concerning the laws affecting pilotage at Hell Gate in New York Harbor ; which was referred to same committee.

On motion of Mr. Benton of Brookline,—

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance be requested to consider the expediency of modifying the laws relating to the taxation of bank shares held by insurance corporations, paying a franchise tax ; and also of modifying the franchise tax, so far as the same relates to such corporations.

Mr. Berry of North Andover, the remonstrances of Isaac O. Blunt and 62 others of Ballardvale, and of the selectmen and 132 others of Andover, against the taking of water from Vine Brook by the town of Arlington ;

which were referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Mr. Sargent of Lowell, the petition of David O. Allen and others, forming the Lowell Ten Hours' League, to increase the powers and augment the appropriations of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor; which was referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

Inspector
of gas.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the report of the state inspector of gas and gasmeters, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Sweet of Norton,—

Hawkers
and ped-
dlers.

Ordered, That the committee on Manufactures inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws concerning hawkers and peddlers, that citizens of this Commonwealth may be allowed to peddle goods and wares of their own manufacture.

Edgartown
—Mattake-
sett Creek.

Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, the petitions of the selectmen of Edgartown, for the repeal of chapter 150 of the acts of 1863, and for authority to purchase Mattakesett Creek; which were referred to the committee on Towns.

Division of
Abington.

Mr. Keith of Abington, the remonstrance of J. L. Nash and 486 others, against the several petitions of Washington Reed and others, William L. Reed and others, and Amos S. Reed and others, praying for a division of the town of Abington; which was referred to the same committee.

Consolida-
tion of
Fitchburg,
Vermont &
Massachu-
setts, Troy
and Green-
field Rail-
road Cos.

Mr. Nowell of Boston, the petition of Messrs. Denny, Rice & Co., and 154 other business firms of Boston, in aid of the consolidation of the Fitchburg, Vermont and Massachusetts, and Troy and Greenfield Railroad Companies; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

On motion of Mr. Hayes of Boston,—

Savings
banks and
trust cos.

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking inquire whether any further legislation is necessary in relation to Savings Banks and Trust Companies in this Commonwealth.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Deputy
sheriffs'
fees.

Mr. Gove of Randolph, presented the petition of Otis Hayward and others, deputy sheriffs of Norfolk County, in regard to the pay of officers in attendance on the civil sessions of the supreme court; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Clark of Boston, the petition of Joseph R. Churchill, justice of the municipal court for the Dorchester district of Boston, for a clerk for said court; which was referred to same committee.

Municipal court of Dorchester district.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, the petition of Horace Cheney, Assistant District Attorney for Suffolk County, for an increase of salary; which was referred to the same committee.

Assistant district attorney for Suffolk Co.

Mr. Fletcher of Littleton, the remonstrances of Benjamin W. Gleason and 57 other legal voters of Stow and of E. M. Stowe and 67 other legal voters of Hudson, against the petition of Naham Witherton and others of Marlborough, praying for a district court; which were referred to the same committee.

Hudson—district court of Western Middlesex.

On motion of Mr. Sears of Barnstable,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire whether further legislation is necessary to enable corporations to take or hold real estate in payment or satisfaction of debts due them.

Corporations holding real estate.

Mr. Splaine of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a resolve in favor of George H. Johnston; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

George H. Johnston.

Mr. Ryder of Foxborough, from the committee on Insurance, reported leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company for amendment of charter. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Worcester Mutual Fire Ins. Co.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill relating to shares in corporations. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Shares in corporations.

On motion of Mr. Ide of Medway, the bill to repeal chapter 107 of the acts of 1872 was taken from the table, and recommitted to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

West Tisbury parsonage lands.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

The bill making appropriations for expenses of the State Almshouse, the State Prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Industrial School for Girls, the Bridgewater Workhouse, the State Primary School at Monson, and for other purposes, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To establish a grade in the town of Brookline;

To allow the members of the Somerset Humane and Religious Society to hold a meeting for the choice of officers ; and a

Resolve to authorize payment of certain expenses incurred by the inspectors of the state prison, were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill in addition to the several acts concerning the First Parish in Rowley was, on motion of Mr. Ide of Medway, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The bill to limit the capital of gas light corporations was considered.

Mr. Crocker of Boston, from the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, reported two amendments which were adopted.

Mr. Marden of Lowell also offered an amendment ; which was adopted, and the bill was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, the House Adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 4, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Military encampments. Mr. Sprague of Framingham, presented the petition of Isaac S. Burrill and others for compensation for attendance at encampments in 1872 ; which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Bureau of Statistics of Labor. Mr. Watson of Lowell, the petition of William Marks of Lowell and 60 others to increase the powers and appropriations of the Bureau of Labor, to print its reports as public documents, and for a ten-hour law ; which was referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

On motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston,—
Liquor law. *Ordered,* That the committee on the Liquor Law consider the expediency of amending section 29 of chapter 415 of the acts of the year 1869, by striking out the last clause thereof.

Hoosac Tunnel. Mr. Darby of Adams, the remonstrance of C. H. Read and 450 others of the town of Adams against the sale or consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel ; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Fire-escape and hose elevator. Mr. Benton of Brookline, the petition of Henry A. Richards, that the State of Massachusetts will adopt his

fire-escape and hose elevator; which was referred to the committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. Atherton of Warwick, the petition of J. F. Briggs and 20 others, selectmen and citizens of Warwick, asking that obstructions in the Connecticut River may be removed; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Warwick—
obstructions
in the Con-
necticut
River.

Mr. Thayer of North Bridgewater, the petition of Messrs. C. R. Ford, Loring W. Puffer and others, citizens of North Bridgewater, for authority to take a portion of a burial ground for public purposes; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

North
Bridge.
water—bur-
ial ground.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Evans of Everett. presented the petition of the selectmen of the town of Everett, that section 3 of chapter 205 of the acts of 1871, may be so amended that the water commissioners of the town may be elected on the same terms that school committees are now elected; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Everett—
water com-
missioners.

Mr. Howes of Dennis, from the committee on the Pay Roll, reported an order providing for the payment of the mileage to the members of the House; which on motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, was referred to the committee on Finance.

Mileage of
members.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of John McDuffie and others of Cambridge, to make the reports of the bureau of Statistics of Labor a public document, and to increase the appropriation of money for the Bureau, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Labor Question.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

The petition of E. M. Chamberlain and others that the report of the above bureau may be printed, was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Do.

The memorial of Charles R. Blaisdell in relation to investigations by the same bureau, was also referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Do.

The second annual report of the commissioners of prisons, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons.

Commis-
sioners of
prisons.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint standing committee on Railways consider the expediency of amending chapter 53 of the acts of 1872 "to authorize the formation

General
railroad
law.

of railroad corporations," with reference to the gauge, the reduction of capital stock, and other particulars.

Boston,
Lynn and
Peabody
R. R. Co.

The petition of the Boston, Lynn and Peabody Railroad Company, for amendment of charter, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Horse Railways.

Fitchburg
Street Rail-
road Co.

A bill to incorporate the Fitchburg Street Railway Company (introduced on leave in the Senate), was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Gravel and
ballast light-
ers.

The petition of Daniel Ward and others of Scituate, for a law to prevent the taking of gravel by ballast lighters from the beach road between the first cliff and the main land, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

Winchester
—water
supply.

The petition of the Winchester Water Committee, for additional privileges to enable the town to obtain a supply of pure water, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

James M.
Weight-
man.

The petition of James M. Weightman, asking for the refunding of a tax paid upon 183 shares of the stock of the Howard National Bank, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Massachu-
setts Agri-
cultural col-
lege.

The tenth annual report of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Agriculture.

Bills :

Savings
bank at
Florence.

To incorporate the Workingmen's Savings Bank of Florence ;

Henry M.
Cross.

To authorize Henry M. Cross to extend his wharf in Newburyport.

Charles-
town Free
Dispensary
and Hospi-
tal.

To incorporate the Charlestown Free Dispensary and Hospital ;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were ordered to a second reading.

Homestead
Ins. Co.

The report of the committee on Insurance (leave to withdraw) on the petition of John H. Stark and others, to be incorporated as the Homestead Insurance Company, came down from the Senate, and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bureau of
Labor sta-
tistics.

The report of the committee on Printing relative to the Bureau of Labor, which the House had referred to the joint special committee on the Labor Question, came down from the Senate, endorsed "non-concurred."

Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston moved that the House insist on its reference to the above-named committee.

Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford moved that the House recede.

After debate the motion of Mr. Chisholm was lost, and that of Mr. Fitzgerald was carried.

Mr. Titus of Worcester, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, reported that the bill relating to the bonds of trustees under wills ought to pass in a new draft. Bonds of trustees.

Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Sanger of Danvers, from the committee on Education, reported inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to the expediency of modifying the laws in relation to reading the Bible in public schools. The Bible in schools. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Marden of Lowell, from the committee on Education, to whom was referred the bill in relation to the election of the school committee in the city of Chelsea, asked to be excused from further consideration of the same, and that it be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. The report was accepted. Chelsea school committee.

Mr. Whitfield of Fairhaven, offered an order providing that two thousand extra copies of the report of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries be printed for the use of the legislature; which was referred to the committee on Printing. Report of Commissioners on Inland Fisheries.

Mr. Wilson of Boston, from the committee on Harbors, reported a bill to authorize William Lewis to extend and maintain his wharf at Vineyard Haven. Read and ordered to a second reading. William Lewis.

On motion of Mr. Sargent of Lowell,—

Ordered, That the attorney-general be instructed to represent the Commonwealth upon all hearings before the Railroad Committee in which the interests or property of the Commonwealth in the Hoosac Tunnel are involved. Attorney-General—Railroad committee hearings.

Mr. Bigelow of Marlborough, from the committee on Elections, made a report on the petition of Albert A. Austin; which was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Albert A. Austin.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Insurance (leave to withdraw) on the petition of the Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for an amendment of charter, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The bill relating to shares in corporations was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill making appropriations for expenses of the State Almshouse, the State Prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Industrial School for Girls, the Bridgewater Workhouse, the State Primary School at Monson, and for other purposes, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Whitney of Ashburnham, the House Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 5, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Barre—
Hoosac
Tunnel.

Mr. Goddard of Petersham presented the memorial of citizens of Barre, against the sale, lease or consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Hudson—
Hoosac
Tunnel.

Mr. Fletcher of Littleton, the remonstrance of Francis Brigham and 100 other citizens of Hudson, against selling, leasing, consolidating or monopolizing the Hoosac Tunnel; which was referred to the same committee.

Consolidation of Fitchburg, Vermont and Massachusetts, Troy and Greenfield, and Troy and Boston Railroads.
Williamstown and Hancock R. R. Co.

Mr. Winslow of Worcester, the petition of the Washburn and Moen Manufacturing Company and 100 firms and business men of Worcester, in aid of the consolidation of the Fitchburg, Vermont and Massachusetts, Troy and Greenfield and Troy and Boston Railroad Companies; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Plunkett of Adams, on leave, introduced a bill to amend chapter 242 of the acts of 1869; which was referred to the same committee.

State prison—admission fees.

On motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons inquire into the expediency of prohibiting the taking of fees for admission to the state prison.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield,—

Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Ordered, That the standing committee of the House on Printing be instructed to ascertain and report the date at which the printing of the forthcoming report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor can be finished by the state printers; and also, whether any plan can be devised to insure the publication of said report in print at a date earlier than the date on which it would be published if printed by the state printers.

On motion of Mr. Cook of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the State House consider the expediency of enlarging the window in room No. 9, west wing of the state house. Room No. 9,
west wing.

Mr. Stetson of Quincy, the petitions of Joseph W. Robertson and others, of C. Sampson and others, and of Isaiah G. Whiton and others, in aid of the petition of Lemuel Baxter and others for incorporation as the Quincy Point Horse Railroad Company; which were severally referred to the committee on Horse Railways. Quincy
Point Horse
R. R. Co.

Mr. Sanborn of Salem, the petition of Benjamin H. Fabens and others, citizens and merchants of Beverly and Salem, for a change in pilotage regulations; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Pilotage
regulations.

Also, the petition of Joseph Perkins and others, pilots of Beverly and Salem, for a change of the laws concerning pilots; which was referred to the same committee. Do.

Mr. Granger of Boston, the petition of J. Dodge and others, for an act enabling them to build a wharf on their land on the easterly side of Neponset River at Squantum; which was referred to the committee on Harbors. J. Dodge et
al.

Also, the petition of Owen Bearse, for an act authorizing him to build a wharf on the easterly of said river; which was referred to the same committee. Owen
Bearse.

Mr. Sanborn of Salem, the petition of Brigadier-General George H. Peirson and staff for compensation for military duty; which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs. George H.
Peirson.

Mr. Black of Taunton, the petition of Brigadier-General R. H. Chamberlain and staff officers for compensation for services at the fall encampment in 1872; which was referred to the same committee. R. H. Cham-
berlain.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, the petition of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary for an annual grant; which was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Massachu-
setts Eye
and Ear In-
firmary.

Mr. Briggs of Amesbury, the petition of George D. Marland and 60 others in favor of enlarging the power and appropriations of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor; which was referred to the committee on the Labor Question. Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Mr. Johnson of Lowell, the petition of the Wamesit Water Power Company for authority to contract for mutual insurance with other corporations; which was referred to the committee on Insurance. Wamesit
Water
Power Co.

Salisbury—
school dis-
trict system.

Mr. Morrill of Salisbury, the petition of M. O. Osgood and 205 citizens of Salisbury to abolish the school district system in that town; which was referred to the committee on Education.

First Na-
tional Bank
of Adams.

Mr. Couch of Newburyport, from the committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred the petition of the president and directors of the First National Bank of Adams, for refunding of a bank tax, reported that the same be referred to the committee on Claims. The report was accepted.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Robert
Thompson.

Mr. Ely of Dedham presented the petition of Robert Thompson for confirmation of marriage; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Paper from the Senate.

Vienna Ex-
position.

The petition of R. Ball and Company and others in favor of an appropriation in aid of the Vienna Exposition and for the appointment of a commission to attend said exposition, was ordered to be placed on file.

Apothe-
caries and
druggists.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient on an order relative to amending chapter 389 of the acts of 1870. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Notaries
public.

Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of G. Fisher, that notaries public may be authorized to administer such oaths as justices of the peace are now allowed to administer. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mileage of
members.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the order relative to payment of mileage to members of the House, reported the following, which was adopted:—

Ordered, That the accompanying schedule, showing that the amount of two thousand and fifty-three dollars is due to the members of the House of Representatives for travel at the present session of the General Court is approved, and that the schedule be sent to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth.

Soldiers'
and sailors'
diplomas.

Mr. Carruth of Chelsea, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a resolve granting diplomas to hon-

orably discharged sailors and soldiers of the Commonwealth. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Stedman of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, reported a bill to authorize the trustees of the Smith Charities to hold additional real estate. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Trustees of
Smith Char-
ities.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to confer a veto power on the mayors of the several cities of the Commonwealth. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mayors of
cities—veto
power.

Mr. Creesy of Salem, from the committee on Harbors, reported a bill to authorize Benjamin D. Dixie to extend his wharf in Marblehead. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Benjamin
D. Dixie.

At half-past 2 o'clock, the hour assigned for a convention of both branches for the choice of two directors on the part of the Commonwealth, of the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation, the Senate came in, and the President of that body assumed the chair.

Directors
Boston and
Albany
R. R.

Mr. Sawtelle of New Bedford moved that all but members of the General Court be excluded from the floor during the balloting. The motion was lost.

Messrs. Whittle and Lobdell of the Senate, and Messrs. Granger of Boston, Blunt of Haverhill, Kendrick of Worcester and Black of Taunton of the House, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes.

The committee afterwards reported as follows :—

Whole number of ballots cast,	. . .	262
Necessary for a choice, .	. . .	132
Moses Kimball of Boston had	. . .	127
E. P. Carpenter of Foxborough, .	. . .	91
Robert Johnson of Boston,	. . .	88
Joseph H. Walker of Worcester,	. . .	73
Avery Plumer of Boston, .	. . .	53
Willard P. Phillips of Salem, .	. . .	34
John E. Sanford of Taunton, .	. . .	19
George O. Fairbanks of Fall River,	. . .	18
John G. Mudge of Petersham, .	. . .	4
Robert O. Fuller of Cambridge, .	. . .	1
John E. Fitzgerald of Boston, .	. . .	1
H. C. Bacon of Lawrence, .	. . .	1

And there was no choice.

A second ballot was ordered, and the committee reported as follows :—

Whole number of votes,	.	.	.	247
Necessary for a choice,	.	.	.	124
Moses Kimball had	.	.	.	140
E. P. Carpenter,	.	.	.	116
Robert Johnson,	.	.	.	65
Joseph H. Walker,	.	.	.	52
Willard P. Phillips,	.	.	.	30
Avery Plumer,	.	.	.	29
John E. Sanford,	.	.	.	10
George O. Fairbanks,	.	.	.	15
John G. Mudge,	.	.	.	1

And Mr. Kimball was chosen.

A third ballot was ordered, and the committee reported as follows :—

Whole number of votes cast was	.	.	215
Necessary for a choice,	.	.	108
E. P. Carpenter had	.	.	127
Robert Johnson,	.	.	38
Willard P. Phillips,	.	.	17
Joseph H. Walker,	.	.	16
John E. Sanford,	.	.	9
Avery Plumer,	.	.	5
George O. Fairbanks,	.	.	3

And Mr. Carpenter was chosen.

The convention was then dissolved.

Bills passed. Engrossed bills :

To change the name of the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company ;

In relation to the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Company ;

To fix the salary of the clerk of the district court of East Norfolk ;

Authorizing the New Haven and Northampton Company to increase its capital stock ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed bills :

To change the name of the American Hide Seat Company ;

To unite the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation and the Stoughton Branch Railroad Company ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Codman of Boston moved a reconsideration of the order relative to the attendance of the Attorney-General upon the hearings of the committee on Railways concerning the Hoosac Tunnel.

After debate the motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Sargent of Lowell the order was so amended that the Attorney-General was authorized to employ suitable counsel if his official engagements prevented his attendance in person at the hearings.

Attorney-General—
committee
hearings.

And as amended the order was adopted, and sent up for concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

The reports of the committee on Elections (in favor of Andrew H. Sweet) on the petition of Albert A. Austin ;

And of the committee on Education (inexpedient) on the order relative to modifying the laws in relation to reading the Bible in public schools ;

Were accepted, and the last named was sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Insurance (leave to withdraw) on the petition of John H. Stark and others, to be incorporated as the Homestead Insurance Company, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

Relating to the bonds of trustees under wills ;

To authorize William Lewis to extend and maintain his wharf at Vineyard Haven ;

To incorporate the Workingmen's Savings Bank of Florence ;

To authorize Henry M. Cross to extend his wharf in Newburyport ;

To incorporate the Charlestown Free Dispensary and Hospital, were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill relating to shares in corporations was passed to be engrossed ; the title was amended on motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, and the bill was sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Bowker of Boston moved to amend the bill to authorize cities to establish city hospitals, by including towns in its provisions. The amendment was adopted.

After debate, on motion of Mr. Mason of Plymouth, the bill was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, the list of applications to the General Court filed in the Secretary's office, was taken from the table and placed upon the files of the House.

On motion of Mr. Granger of Boston, the House Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 6, 1873.

Met according to adjournment. •

Galen
Willis.

Mr. Thayer of North Bridgewater, presented the petition of Galen Willis of East Bridgewater, for refunding of a bank tax; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Sally
Spaulding.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, the petition of Sally Spaulding, for reimbursement of a tax on bank shares; which was referred to the same committee.

Cook Bor-
den.

Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, the petition of Cook Borden, asking for authority to build a wharf in the city of Fall River; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Barnabas
Clark.

Also, the petition of Barnabas Clark, for authority to extend a wharf in said city; which was referred to the same committee.

State prison
—Sullivan
L. Ward.

Mr. Johnson of Lowell, the petition of Sullivan L. Ward, of Lowell, to sell land and a granite quarry for the use of the state prison; which was referred to the committee on Prisons.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol, the memorial of Lodge No. 12, journeymen painters of Boston, against the abolition of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor; which was referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

Lawrence—
bridge
across Mer-
rimack
River.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, the remonstrance of W. H. Salisbury and 55 others, against the petition of John C. Hoadley and others for a bridge across the Merrimack River at Lawrence; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Winthrop
R. R. Co.

Mr. Fletcher of Chelsea, the petition of the Winthrop Railroad Company for leave to mortgage its property and to issue bonds; which was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Mr. Noyes of North Bridgewater, the petition of Calvin Reed and 150 others of East Bridgewater, in aid of the petition of William L. Reed and others for a division of the town of Abington; which was referred to the committee on Towns. Division of Abington.

Also, the petition of George E. Herssy and 43 others of Abington in favor of a division of the town; which was referred to the same committee. Do.

Mr. Plunkett of Adams, the remonstrance of Charles W. White and 21 others, citizens of New Ashford, against the consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel with the Vermont and Massachusetts and Troy and Boston Railroads, or any sale of the Tunnel; which was referred to the committee on Railways. Consolidation of Hoosac Tunnel lines of railroad.

Also, the remonstrance of William A. Morey and 67 others of South Williamstown, for the same object; which was referred to the same committee. Do.

Mr. Gleason of New Braintree, the remonstrance of Henry P. Shattuck and 98 others of Barre, for the same object; which was referred to the same committee. Do.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Sanger of Danvers presented a resolve in addition to the resolves concerning the Universal Exposition at Vienna; which was referred to the committee on Finance. Vienna Exposition.

On motion of Mr. Ely of Dedham,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing by law for the appointment of an official auditor for the county of Suffolk who shall in all cases in said county perform the duties now performed by auditors appointed by the court under section 46 of chapter 121 of the General Statutes. Auditor for Suffolk County.

Mr. Breed of Lynn, on leave, introduced a bill to legalize certain acts and proceedings of the Lynn Gas Light Company; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Lynn Gas Light Co.

Mr. Gates of Worcester, the petition of A. B. R. Sprague, Sheriff of Worcester County, for an increase of salary; which was referred to the same committee. Sheriff Worcester County.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of Lemuel Kingsbury, for refunding of a tax, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims. Lemuel Kingsbury.

Nahant.

The petition of the inhabitants of the town of Nahant to be allowed to take land and build a wharf, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

The petition of Richard Henscheliff and others, for legislation to enable the Bureau of Statistics of Labor to make their reports in print, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Labor Question.

United States prisoners in county prisons.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Prisons be instructed to inquire whether any legislation is required to prevent United States prisoners confined in county prisons from having different treatment and greater privileges than other prisoners.

Tires on heavy vehicles.

Mr. Clark of Newburyport, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, reported inexpedient on an order relative to the expediency of regulating by law the width of tires used on vehicles for the transportation of heavy loads on public highways. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

New Bedford and New York Steam Propeller Co.

M. Bailey of Charlestown, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reported a bill to increase the capital stock of the New Bedford and New York Steam Propeller Company and to change the name thereof. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Malden—Odd Fellows' Hall Association.

Mr. Roberts of Waltham, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Marvin Lincoln and others of Malden, reported a bill to incorporate the Malden Odd Fellows' Hall Association. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary (inexpedient) on the order relative to amending chapter 389 of the acts of 1870;

And the report of the same committee (leave to withdraw) on the petition of G. Fisher, that notaries-public may be authorized to administer such oaths as justices of the peace are now allowed to administer, were accepted.

Bills:

To confer a veto power on the mayors of the several cities of the Commonwealth;

To authorize Benjamin D. Dixie to extend his wharf in Marblehead;

To amend an act to incorporate the Trustees of the Smith Charities;

And the resolve granting diplomas to honorably discharged sailors and soldiers of the Commonwealth ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To incorporate the Workingmen's Savings Bank of Florence ;

To authorize Henry M. Cross to extend his wharf in Newburyport ;

To incorporate the Charlestown Free Dispensary and Hospital, were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to authorize William Lewis to extend his wharf at Vineyard Haven, was amended, on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston, and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Higgins of Orleans, the House Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 7, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester presented the remonstrance of the town of Gloucester against the petition of R. Hooper and others, in relation to Goose Cove Dam ; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Gloucester
—Goose
Cove Dam.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, the petition of the mayor and members of the city council of Haverhill, for leave to build a wharf and extend the arch over Little River and grade the land known as the city landing on the southerly side of Washington Square in said Haverhill ; which was referred to the same committee.

Haverhill—
wharf over
Little River.

Mr. Waters of Webster, the petition Harris Gleason and 61 others, citizens of Webster, for refunding moneys paid by men drafted in the late war for exemption ; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Webster—
money paid
by drafted
men.

Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge, on leave, introduced a bill in addition to act concerning truant children and absentees from school ; which was referred to the committee on Education.

Truant chil-
dren and ab-
sentees from
school.

Methuen—
savings
bank.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, the petition of Varnum Corliss and 19 other citizens of Methuen, in aid of the petition of John Davis and others for a savings bank in said town; which was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Consolidation of the Fitchburg, Vermont and Massachusetts, Troy and Greenfield and Troy and Boston Railroads. Do.

Mr. Roberts of Waltham, the petition J. L. Millar and 100 other citizens of Waltham, in aid of the consolidation of the Fitchburg, Vermont and Massachusetts, Troy and Greenfield and Troy and Boston Railroad Companies; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Mr. Edwards of Watertown, the petition of Messrs. Coffin and Magee and 124 others, in favor of the above consolidation; which was referred to the same committee.

Newburyport and Amesbury Horse Railroad Co.

Mr. Clark of Newburyport, the petition of the Newburyport and Amesbury Horse Railroad Company for authority to lease its road and for other purposes; which was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Loan of state arms.

Mr. Wilson of Boston, the petition of T. Cushing and others of Boston, for a loan of state arms; which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Mr. Bailey of Kingston, the petition of H. B. Maglathlin and others of Duxbury and Kingston for the continuance of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor; which was referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

Lynn Gas Light Co.

Mr. Breed of Lynn, on leave, introduced a bill to amend chapter 35 of the acts of 1853; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Attleboro' water supply.

Mr. Sanford of Attleborough, the petition of D. H. Smith and 96 others for introduction of water; which was referred to committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

A communication was received from Charles L. Flint, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, in relation to the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy; which was referred to the committee on Education.

Commercial fertilizers.

Also, a communication from the same, concerning the laws in reference to the manufacture of fertilizers; which was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Springfield—city charter.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, on leave, introduced a bill to amend the charter of the city of Springfield and for other purposes; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Lee Gas Light Co.

Mr. Judd of Lee, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Lee Gas Light Company of Lee; which was referred to the same committee.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of Messrs. S. G. Davis, Tyler Howe and 258 other citizens of Cambridge, for the annexation of Cambridge to Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns. Cambridge—annexation to Boston.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint special committee on the Liquor Law consider and report what changes, if any, should be made in the present liquor law, so far as it relates to sales by apothecaries. Liquor law.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint standing committee on Prisons inquire whether it is expedient to amend chapter 307, acts of 1864, so that the inspectors of the state prison shall make their annual report at the same time required of the inspectors and trustees of other state institutions. Inspectors of state prison.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Clerk give notice to Messrs. Moses Kimball and Erastus P. Carpenter that they have been elected directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation, on the part of the Commonwealth, for the term of two years. Boston and Albany Railroad Directors.

Also, that he give notice to the clerk of said corporation, of the election of the above-named gentlemen.

The petition of Alpheus Hardy and others of Boston in favor of the passage of a bill to incorporate the Public Steam Supply Company, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Manufactures. Public Steam Supply Co.

Bill to incorporate the Boston Tow Boat Company, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, and was read and ordered to a second reading. Boston Tow Boat Co.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the report of the Treasurer and Receiver-General, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Finance. Report of the Treasurer.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the committee on Finance be authorized to report an appropriation for refunding certain taxes overpaid by sundry parties to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth. Overpaid taxes.

Mr. Goddard of Petersham, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Timothy Murphy for state aid, reported a resolve in favor of the same; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance. Timothy Murphy.

Assistant
district at-
torney of
Suffolk Co.

Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston, from the committee of the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Horace Cheney, reported a bill to establish the salary of the assistant district-attorney for the Suffolk district; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Report of
Commissioners on
Inland Fish-
eries.

Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on Printing, to whom was referred the order relative to printing 2,000 extra copies of the report of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries, reported that the same ought to be adopted. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Gloucester
—fire de-
partment.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the town of Gloucester to amend the acts establishing the fire department of said town.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, reported a resolve providing for expenses incurred in the supervision of the Hoosac Tunnel. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Appropri-
ation bill.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, also reported a bill in further addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Bill passed.

The engrossed bill to authorize each register of deeds to appoint an assistant register (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The report of the committee on Roads and Bridges (inexpedient) on the order relative to the width of tires used on vehicles for transporting heavy loads, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The bill relating to the bonds of trustees under wills was read, and amended on motion of Mr. Titus of Worcester, and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to increase the capital stock of the New Bedford and New York Steam Propeller Company, and to change the name thereof, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to confer a veto power on the mayors of the several cities of the Commonwealth was read and debated at considerable length. Several amendments were offered and rejected. Two amendments offered by Mr. Soule of

Springfield were adopted, and also one offered by Mr. Barker of Pittsfield providing that the bill should not apply to any city whose mayor has now by law the veto power. As amended the bill was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Phillips of Salem moved a reconsideration of the vote, and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The bill to authorize Benjamin D. Dixie to extend his wharf in Marblehead was read and amended on motion of Mr. Hayes of Boston, and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to amend an act to incorporate the trustees of the Smith Charities was read and amended, on motion of Mr. Breed of Lynn, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve granting diplomas to honorably discharged sailors and soldiers of the Commonwealth, was read and amended on motion of Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge, and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 8, 1873.

Met according to adjournment, Mr. Codman of Boston in the chair.

The following order, offered by Mr. Bowker of Boston, yesterday, and laid over at the request of Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston, was considered:—

Ordered, That the Bureau of Statistics of Labor be requested to furnish a proof copy of their forthcoming report, to the committee on Labor, at the earliest convenient period.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield moved to amended by striking out the word "proof," and the amendment was adopted.

After debate the order as amended was adopted by a vote of 90 to 41.

Mr. Moore of Concord, on leave, introduced a resolve to pay certain bounties to agricultural societies; which was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Agricultu-
ral societies
—bounties.

On motion of Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge papers relating to the establishment of a reformatory institution for

Insane peo-
ple—re-
formatory
institution.

people becoming insane from intemperate habits was taken from the files of last year and referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Bonds of
trustees
under wills.

Mr. Crocker of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill relating to the bonds of trustees under wills was passed to be engrossed yesterday, and on motion of the same gentleman the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

Worcester
—Boston &
Albany R.
R. depot.

To extend the time for the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to complete the union passenger station in the city of Worcester and for other purposes ;

American
Print
Works.

To authorize the American Print Works to extend their wharf in Fall River, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, were read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill to confer a veto power on the mayors of the several cities of the Commonwealth was passed to be engrossed, was carried, and after debate the bill was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Bacon of Lawrence.

The report of the committee on Printing (ought to be adopted) on the order relative to printing 2,000 extra copies of the Report of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries ; and the

Report of the committee on Insurance (leave to withdraw) on the petition of the town of Gloucester to amend the acts establishing the Fire Department of said town, were accepted. The last named was sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth offered an amendment to the bill to incorporate the Malden Odd Fellows' Hall Association, providing that the par value of the shares should be one hundred instead of twenty-five dollars. The amendment was rejected, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The resolve providing for expenses incurred in the supervision of the Hoosac Tunnel, and the bill to incorporate the Boston Tow Boat Company were read and ordered to a third hearing.

The bill to increase the capital stock of the New Bedford and New York Steam Propeller Company, and to change the name thereof, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem the consideration of the bill in further addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year, was postponed until Monday.

On motion of Mr. Billings of Sharon, the House Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 10, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

A communication was received by the Speaker from the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture concerning the tariff for freight on agricultural products; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Freight charges on railroads.

Mr. Hurlbut of Sudbury presented the remonstrance of James D. Walker and 45 others of Wayland, against the consolidation of the Vermont and Massachusetts, Troy and Greenfield and Troy and Boston Railroads or any sale of the Tunnel; which was referred to the same committee.

Consolidation of Vermont and Massachusetts, Troy and Greenfield and Troy and Boston R. R. Coa. Lawrence—bridge across Merrimack River.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, the remonstrance of C. P. Johnson and 113 others, against the petition of J. C. Hoadley and others for a bridge across the Merrimack River at Lawrence; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Also, the remonstrances of A. A. Lamprey and 29 others, and of C. T. Moore and 213 others against the same petition; which were referred to the same committee.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, the petitions of Joel M. Baker, Joseph Day, Mary C. Wheelock and Charles Wheelock, all for reimbursement of certain taxes; which were severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Joel M. Baker, Joseph Day, Mary C. Wheelock, Charles Wheelock. Truro—loan of credit.

Mr. Stone of Wellfleet, the petition of the town of Truro to loan its credit to encourage manufactures; which was referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Hill of Stoneham, on leave, introduced a bill to amend chapter 120 of the acts of 1872; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Stoneham Odd Fellows' Hall Association.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Newbury-
port—
amendment
of charter.

Mr. Currier of Newburyport presented the petition of the city of Newburyport for amendment of its charter ; which was referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mary B.
Cowan et al.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, the petition of Mary B. Cowan and others for authority to sell real estate ; which was referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. White of Plymouth,—

Taxation.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 211 of the acts of the year 1868, and chapter 443 of the acts of the year 1869, concerning taxation in certain cases.

On motion of Mr. Hildreth of Worcester,—

Literary
and benevo-
lent associ-
ations.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of reporting a bill allowing associations of a literary and benevolent character to organize under a charter similar to that providing for corporative associations.

On motion of Mr. Britton of Wakefield,—

Election of
selectmen.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the law in relation to the election of selectmen of towns, so as to provide for a longer term of office.

On motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill,—

Taxation—
poll taxes.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending the law as to allow cities and towns not assessing a separate highway tax, to assess upon the polls of said cities and towns a portion of the sum to be raised for the support and repairs of highways, in addition to the poll tax now provided for by law.

Papers from the Senate.

Boston,
Clinton and
Fitchburg
Railroad.

A bill (on leave in the Senate) to confirm the location of a portion of the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad in the town of Framingham, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Framing-
ham and
Lowell R.R.

A bill (on leave in the Senate) to extend the time for the location and construction of the Framingham and Lowell Railroad, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

State de-
partment of
insurance.

The petition of Messrs. C. F. Hodges, Henry Bond and Frederick H. Henshaw and others, praying for the organization of a department of insurance to be conducted and controlled by the Commonwealth, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Insurance.

A bill (on leave in the Senate) to authorize the South Boston Railroad Company to increase its capital stock, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Horse Railways. South Boston R. R. Co.

Mr. Breed of Lynn, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to increased compensation to towns for the temporary care of paupers; which was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Paupers—pay for their support.

On motion of Mr. Stone of West Brookfield,—

Ordered, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the joint special committee on Woman Suffrage for a public hearing on Thursday, February 13, 1873, at 10 A. M. Woman suffrage.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To incorporate the New Bedford Railroad Company, and to authorize the consolidation of railroads between New Bedford and Fitchburg, and for other purposes ;

To authorize the town of Plymouth to take stock in the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

The motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston to reconsider the vote by which the House passed to be engrossed the bill relating to bonds of trustees under wills was carried, and on motion of the same gentleman the bill was laid on the table. Bonds of trustees under wills.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bills :

In further addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year ;

To extend the time for the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to complete the union passenger station in the city of Worcester, and for other purposes ;

To authorize the American Print Works to extend their wharf in Fall River ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading, the last named having been amended on motion of Mr. Hayes of Boston.

The bill to accommodate the Malden Odd Fellows' Hall Association ; and the

Resolve providing for expenses incurred in the supervision of the Hoosac Tunnel ;

Were read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Boston Tow Boat Company was read and amended, on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

A communication was received from George Derby, M. D., Secretary of the Board of Health, concerning small-pox, its cause, the number of cases in the State, etc., which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 11, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Hoosac
Tunnel con-
solidation.

Mr. Stewart of Colrain presented the petition of Henry A. Buddington and 267 others of Greenfield, in favor of the consolidation of the Fitchburg, Vermont and Massachusetts, Troy and Greenfield, and Troy and Boston Railroad Companies ; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Sale of Hoosac Tunnel.

Mr. Gardner of Hancock, the remonstrance of C. H. Wells and 97 other citizens of Hancock against the above consolidation ; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Sargent of Lowell, the remonstrance of William Christie of Lowell, and 40 others, against permitting the Hoosac Tunnel to pass out of the hands of the Commonwealth ; which was referred to the same committee.

Worcester and Shrewsbury Railroad Co.

Mr. Hildreth of Worcester, the petition of E. B. Stoddard, president of the Worcester and Shrewsbury Railroad Company, for the location of that road ; which was referred to the same committee.

Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, the petitions of Thomas Marshall and 32 others of Lowell, C. C. Moore and 36 others of Hopkinton, and of John F. Lewis and 121 others of Danvers, praying for the enlargement of the powers of, and an increase of the appropriation for, the Bureau of Statistics of Labor ; which were severally referred to the joint special committee on the Labor Question.

Cuban patriots.

Mr. Hayden of Boston, the petition of Messrs. A. R. Lewis, William L. Morris and others, asking that the Massachusetts congressmen be instructed to urge a recog-

dition of the belligerent rights of the Cuban patriots; which was referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

On motion of Mr. Billings of Sharon,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the propriety and expediency of so amending the law with regard to providing the pupils in the public schools in the Commonwealth with text-books, that all pupils shall be furnished with all necessary text-books and apparatus, at the expense of each city or town. Text-books in the public schools.

Mr. Chapin of Holyoke, the petition of Edwin Chase and others, for authority to maintain a boom across the Connecticut River; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Boom across Connecticut River.

Mr. Osborn of Fall River, the petition of Frederick A. Pickering and 16 others of Fall River, for a change in the pilot laws; which was referred to the same committee. Pilot laws.

Mr. Shaw of Middleborough, the petition of Noah C. Perkins and 137 other citizens of Middleborough, for a savings bank in that town; which was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Middleborough—savings bank.

Mr. Hanson of Peabody, the petition of Edward J. Jones, late chief constable, for reimbursement of expenditures; which was referred to the committee on Claims. Edward J. Jones.

Also the petition of Benjamin Wheeler and Henry Cook of Peabody, for refunding of a bank tax; which was referred to the same committee. Benjamin Wheeler, Henry Cook.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Fisher of Franklin presented the petition of H. M. Greene and others of Franklin, for the repeal of laws providing for taxation of incomes; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Taxation of incomes.

On motion of Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 170 of the acts of 1866, so as to provide for a penalty for violation of its provisions. Assessment of taxes.

On motion of Mr. Ladd of Sturbridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 91 of the General Statutes that when there is neither father or issue, the property of deceased persons intestate shall inure to the use of the mother during her life-time. Property of deceased persons.

Papers from the Senate.

Annexation
of Charle-
stown to Bos-
ton.

The petitions of A. E. Cutter and others, and of F. O. Reed and others, for the union of the cities of Charlestown and Boston, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

The remonstrance of George Stevens of Lowell and 55 others, against committing the Hoosac Tunnel to any corporation whatever, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Henry Wil-
son—resig-
nation as
senator.

A message from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting the resignation of the Hon. Henry Wilson as United States Senator, came down from the Senate, and on motion of Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, it was referred to the committee on the Judiciary with instructions to consider and report when it will be competent for the legislature to proceed to the election of a United States Senator.

Murdoch
Matheson.

Mr. Splaine of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Captain Murdoch Matheson for compensation for injuries sustained while in militia service, reported a resolve in favor of the same; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Supreme ju-
dicial court
—number of
justices.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Messrs. Sidney Bartlett, T. H. Sweetser and others, reported a bill to increase the number of the associate judges of the supreme judicial court; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Polls, prop-
erty and
taxes in
1872.

A communication was received by the Speaker from the Hon. Oliver Warner, Secretary of the Commonwealth, transmitting the twelfth annual abstract of polls, property, taxes, &c., as assessed May 1st, 1872; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

Westport—
fisheries of
Cockeast
Pond.

Mr. Smith of Boston, from the committee on the Fisheries, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the town of Westport for an act to regulate the fisheries of Cockeast Pond. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Lands for
post-offices.

Mr. Whitfield of Fairhaven presented a minority report. Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill concerning the jurisdiction over lands used for post-offices; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the committee on Finance, reported a resolve for the reimbursement of certain overpaid taxes; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Overpaid
taxes.

Mr. French of Springfield, from the committee on Horse Railways, reported that the bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Newburyport and Amesbury Horse Railroad Company ought to pass in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Newbury-
port and
Amesbury
Horse R. R.
Co.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported that the resolve providing for an amendment to the constitution relative to the qualifications of voters, ought to pass, and it was ordered to a second reading.

Constitution
—reading
and writing
clause.

Engrossed bills:

Bills passed.

To incorporate the Workingmen's Savings Bank in Florence;

To incorporate the Charlestown Free Dispensary and Hospital;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Titus of Worcester, the bill relating to bonds of trustees under wills was taken from the table. The bill was amended in the second section, on motion of the same gentleman, and as amended was passed to be engrossed.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

On motion of Mr. Woods of Huntington the report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions (inexpedient) on the order relative to increased compensation to towns for the temporary care of paupers, was recommitted to that committee.

The bill in further addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year, was amended on motion of Mr. Crocker, from the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to extend the time for the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to complete the union passenger station in the city of Worcester, and for other purposes; and the bill to authorize the American Print Works to extend

their wharf in Fall River, were read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the House Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 12, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

Mr. Plunkett of Adams presented the remonstrance of Sumner Southworth and 156 others of Williamstown, against the consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel with or a sale or lease thereof to any other road; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

State direc-
tors of rail-
road corpo-
rations.

Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider the expediency of providing by law that state directors in railroad corporations be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the council.

Boston—
Widows'
and Or-
phans' Sav-
ings Bank.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston, the petition of Willard Sears and 10 others, for incorporation as the Widows' and Orphans' Savings Bank in Boston; which was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

James H.
Look.

Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford, the petition of James H. Look for compensation for illegal arrest and imprisonment by a state constable; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

E. S.
Hawks.

Mr. Plunkett of Adams, the petition of E. S. Hawks of Adams, asking payment of money due him from the state on account of the Hoosac Tunnel; which was referred to the same committee.

Nancy Pear-
son.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, the petition of Nancy Pearson for refunding of a tax; which was referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston,—

Room 8,
State House.

Ordered, That the committee on the State House consider the expediency of enlarging the side windows in room No. 8, west wing of the State House.

Brighton
Citizens'
Mutual In-
surance Co.

Mr. Hollis of Brighton presented the petition of S. W. Trowbridge, president of the Citizens' Mutual Insurance Company of Brighton, for an extension of charter; which was referred to the committee on Insurance.

Mr. Hayden of Boston, on leave, introduced a resolve Spain. concerning the condition of affairs in Spain; which was referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Wiley of Charlestown, the petition of Benjamin F. Annexation of Charlestown and Boston. Stacey and others for the union of the cities of Charlestown and Boston; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Mr. Sears of Barnstable, the petition of R. R. Freeman Pilot laws. and 55 others in favor of a change in the laws concerning pilots; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Sanford of Taunton presented the petitions of B. B. Y. Warner, Clark E. Morse. Y. Warner and others, and of Clark E. Morse, for relief and compensation for land damaged by the New Bedford Water Works; which were referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Judd of Lee, the petition of the citizens of West West Stockbridge—East Mountain Water Power Co. Stockbridge to be incorporated under the name of the East Mountain Water Power Company; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge, the petition of Charles J. James McElhaney. McIntire for a special act to enable the supreme judicial court to grant a new trial to James McElhaney; which was referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Dudley of Northampton, the bill to District court of Central Hampshire. establish the district court of Central Hampshire was taken from the files of last year, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Sawyer of Harvard,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire Town clerks. into the expediency of so amending the laws as to increase the pay of clerks of small towns for their duties in relation to births.

On motion of Mr. Chapin of Holyoke,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire Connecticut River—fast driving over free bridges. into the expediency of prohibiting by law fast driving over free bridges crossing the Connecticut River.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider Stable-keepers. the expediency of giving by law the stable-keeper a lien on the horse for his board.

Papers from the Senate.

Bridge
across Ne-
ponset
River.

The petition of H. N. Holbrook and others, for author-
ity to construct a bridge across Neponset River, was re-
ferred in concurrence to the committee on Roads and
Bridges.

First Parish
in Rowley.

The petition of the First Parish in Rowley, for leave to
sell certain real estate, was referred in concurrence to the
committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Taunton—
fishways in
Mill River.

The petition of Charles L. Lovering and others, relative
to fishways in Mill River in Taunton, was referred in con-
currence to the committee on Fisheries.

Room No. 9,
State
House.

Mr. Tarr of Gloucester, from the committee on the
State House, reported an order directing the Sergeant-at-
Arms to enlarge the window in room No. 9, in the west
wing of the State House. Under a suspension of the
rules the order was adopted and sent up for concurrence.

Cambridge
—annex-
ation of
Watertown
and Bel-
mont.

Mr. Hayes of Medford, from the committee on Towns,
reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the city of
Cambridge, for an act annexing certain portions of Bel-
mont and Watertown to said city; and of Joseph Bird
and 45 others of Watertown, and of Alexander McDonald
and 65 others of Belmont, for an act annexing portions of
said towns to Cambridge. Read and placed in the orders
of the day for to-morrow.

Sherman
White.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the committee on the Judi-
ciary, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Sher-
man White, for relief and compensation for land taken for
the water-works of the city of New Bedford. Read and
placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Everett—
water com-
missioners.

Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston, from the same commit-
tee, reported a bill to authorize the town of Everett to
choose a board of water commissioners. Read and or-
dered to a second reading.

Northamp-
ton and Wil-
liamsburg
Street Rail-
way Co.

Mr. Sargent of Lowell, from the committee on Horse
Railways, reported a bill to authorize the Northampton
and Williamsburg Street Railway Company to change its
name and reduce its capital stock. Read and ordered to
a second reading.

Oyster fish-
ery in Bar-
low River.

Mr. Whitfield of Fairhaven, from the committee on
Fisheries, reported a bill to protect the oyster fishery in
Barlow River. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

Making an additional appropriation for certain expenses

authorized in 1872 and previous years, and for other purposes ;

Authorizing a meeting of the Somerset Religious and Humane Society :

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;) and

To authorize Henry M. Cross to extend his wharf in Newburyport ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves, in relation to the Provincial Laws of Massachusetts ; and authorizing the payment of certain expenses incurred by the inspectors of the State Prison (which severally originated in the House of Representatives), were passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

The report of the committee on Fisheries (leave to withdraw) on the petition of the town of Westport, for an act to regulate the fisheries of Cockeast Pond was considered.

Mr. Whitfield of Fairhaven moved to refer the matter to the committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to hear the parties. After debate the motion was carried.

The bill concerning jurisdiction over lands used for post-offices, and the resolve for the reimbursement of certain overpaid taxes, were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve providing for an amendment of the constitution in relation to the qualification of voters was considered and debated at length.

Pending the consideration of the above resolve, on motion of Mr. Edwards of Watertown, by a vote of 85 to 42, the House

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 13, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Stewart of Colrain presented the petition of Ad-
dington D. Welch and 237 others, citizens of Turner's
Falls, in favor of the consolidation of the Fitchburg, Ver-

Hoosac
Tunnel con-
solidation.

mont and Massachusetts, Troy and Greenfield and Troy and Boston Railroad Companies; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

Annual re-
turns of
railroad cor-
porations.

Ordered, That the committee on Railways inquire if any further legislation is necessary to secure uniformity in the annual returns of railroad corporations.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

Mr. Darby of Adams presented the remonstrance of G. W. Nottingham and 161 others, citizens of Adams, against the consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel with other roads; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Newbury-
port—Mer-
rimac River.

Mr. Clark of Newburyport, the petitions of E. G. Kelley and of M. E. Hale of Newburyport, for permission to fill certain flats, build a breastwork along the edge of the channel of the Merrimac River, and for other purposes; which were referred to the committee on Harbors.

Boston
Land Co.

Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, the remonstrance of William T. Hall and 41 others, citizens and owners of real estate in the town of Revere, against granting the petition of the Boston Land Company, for the solid filling of the Winthrop bridge and culvert under the Eastern Railroad; which was referred to the same committee.

Medford—
bridge
across Mys-
tic River.

Mr. Hayes of Medford, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the town of Medford to construct a bridge across Mystic River; which was referred to the same committee.

Gardner
Young
Men's Chris-
tian Associ-
ation.

Mr. Walker of Templeton, the petition of the Gardner Young Men's Christian Association for an act of incorporation; which was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Annexation
of Charles-
town to Bos-
ton.

Mr. Studley of Charlestown, the petition of Thomas J. Elliott and others for a union of the cities of Charlestown and Boston; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Bureau of
Labor Sta-
tistics.

Mr. White of Plymouth, the petition of Henry Closson and 55 others, citizens of Fitchburg, in favor of the perpetuation of the Bureau of Labor Statistics; which was referred to the joint special committee on the Labor Question.

Woburn—
water scrip.

Mr. Cummings of Woburn, the petition of the town of Woburn for authority to issue additional water scrip; which was referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Quincy—
bridge
across Ne-
ponset
River.

Mr. Palmer of Boston, the petition of John J. Soren and 34 others, citizens of Boston Highlands, in aid of the petition for a bridge across the Neponset River to Squan-

tum in Quincy; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge presented the petition of J. H. Stickney and others to be incorporated under the name of the Apollo Club of Boston; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Apollo Club.

Paper from the Senate.

The fourth annual report of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Annual report of railroad commissioners.

Mr. Bigelow of Marlborough, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reported leave to withdraw upon the petition of the Baldwin Company, for an increase of capital stock. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Baldwin Co.

Mr. Knight of Boston, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw upon the petition of Leonard Barton and others of Gill, for the removal of obstructions in the Connecticut River. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Connecticut River—removal of obstructions.

Mr. Blankinship of Marion, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Springvale Company, reported that the same ought not to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Springvale Company.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Edwin Lyman and others, in relation to obstructions in the Connecticut River. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Connecticut River—removal of obstructions.

Mr. Creesy of Salem, from the committee on Harbors, reported a bill to authorize William Humphreys and Ebenezer S. Twisden to extend their wharves in Marblehead. Read and ordered to a second reading.

William Humphreys, Ebenezer S. Twisden.

On motions made by Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, the communication from the Board of Health concerning small-pox was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, and was sent up for concurrence.

Small-pox.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The resolve providing for an amendment of the constitution in relation to the qualifications of voters, was considered and debated at length.

Reading and writing clause in the constitution.

On motion of Mr. Sears of Barnstable the previous question was ordered.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of ordering the resolve to a third reading. The roll was called and the following named members voted in the affirmative :—

Messrs. Walter B. Allen,
Horace C. Bacon,
James M. Barker,
George Bartholomesz,
Hiram Berry,
Edward L. Bigelow,
William E. Blunt,
Dennis Bonner,
James W. Bradley,
Henry B. Chamberlin,
John B. D. Cogswell,
William H. Cook,
Robert Couch,
Daniel A. Cronin,
John Cushing,
Joshua W. Davis,
I. W. Derby,
Lewis J. Dudley,
C. C. Field,
John H. Fisher,
John E. Fitzgerald,
T. F. Fitz Gerald,
H. M. French,
Addison Gilbert,
A. J. Gove,
John W. Hammond,
Lewis Hayden,
Benjamin Heath,

Messrs. Lewis Holmes,
George H. Hoyt,
Richard H. Humphrey,
Thomas Ingalls,
Jesse E. Keith,
Charles R. Ladd,
Noah D. Ladd,
George Y. Learned,
William H. Loughlin,
George A. Marden,
Samuel W. McDaniel,
Asa P. Morse,
Andrew M. Morton,
Albert Palmer,
Willard P. Phillips,
John W. Regan,
Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,
Roger H. Scannell,
Robert Seaver,
Amos W. Shumway,
James Smith,
Joshua B. Smith,
A. L. Soule,
Henry Splaine,
John H. Studley,
William Taylor,
Hugh J. Toland,
William H. Whitfield.

And the following named members voted in the negative :—

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
Francis R. Allen,
A. S. Atherton,
Aaron Bagg,
Andrew J. Bailey,
Nahum Bailey, Jr.,
William Baker,
George W. Bardwell,
Elijah E. Belding,
Ezekiel D. Bement,

Messrs. Austin W. Benton,
Edward A. Berdge,
John Bigelow,
Sanford W. Billings,
Peleg Blankinship,
Franklin Bonney,
Horace L. Bowker,
Bowman B. Breed,
Richard F. Briggs,
Richard Britton,

Messrs. Giles E. Brownell,
Moses L. Buck,
Addison Burnett,
Henry Burt,
Jacob B. Calley,
Adam Capen, Jr.,
Sumner Carruth,
Charles V. Carpenter,
Edward W. Chapin,
Albe C. Clark,
Francis W. Clark,
George W. Clark,
Alfred A. Clatur,
Charles R. Codman,
William A. Creesy,
Charles Crittenden,
George G. Crocker,
Ben. C. Currier,
William F. Darby,
George E. Davis,
George J. Dean,
William Dean,
Seymour B. Dewey,
Joseph Dyer,
Henderson J. Edwards,
Frederick D. Ely,
George O. Fairbanks,
Harrison O. Field,
Eustace C. Fitz,
Daniel C. Fletcher,
John W. Fletcher,
William Frost,
Kirke E. Gardner,
Charles A. Gleason,
Asa H. Goddard,
Fitz E. Griffin,
Isaac D. Hall,
Simeon Hardy,
George H. Harlow,
Austin Hawley,
David P. Hatch,
Francis B. Hayes,
Samuel S. Haynes,
Samuel W. Heath,
Lot Higgins,
Samuel E. Hildreth,
Henry B. Hill,
John W. Hollis,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
David P. Howes,

Messrs. Barney Hull,
Thomas P. Hurlbut,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Alexis W. Ide,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Jonathan Johnson,
Edward J. Jones,
Thomas M. Judd,
William R. Kentfield,
Lucius W. Knight,
Almond R. Lancaster,
Willard Lewis,
Edward McCleave,
Charles W. Morrill,
C. D. Morse,
Lewis R. Norton,
John A. Nowell,
Edward O. Noyes,
Weaver Osborn,
Hiram Packard,
Liberty D. Packard,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
Daniel A. Patch,
J. Winslow Pierce,
John Perkins,
Charles Perley,
Calvin T. Phillips,
William C. Plunkett,
Francis E. Porter,
Rodolphus Porter,
George Purrington, Jr.,
William Roberts,
George T. Ryder,
Edward Sanford,
George J. Sanger,
George P. Sanger,
Joseph L. Sargent,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Augustus J. Sawyer,
Nathaniel Sears,
Henry P. Shattuck,
James B. Shaw,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Francis D. Stedman,
William Stewart,
Thomas N. Stone,
James G. Tarr,
Joseph A. Titus,
Marcus Truesdell,

Messrs. William N. Walker,	Messrs. Henry W. Wilson,
Rodney Wallace,	Samuel Winslow,
Andrew J. Waters,	Oliver Wolcott,
T. W. Wellington,	Moses D. Woodbury,
James L. White,	Elijah N. Woods.

Yeas, 56 ; nays, 130.

And the resolve was rejected.

The report of the committee on Towns (leave to withdraw) on the petition of the city of Cambridge, for an act annexing certain portions of Belmont and Watertown to said city ; and of Joseph Bird and 45 others of Watertown, and of Alexander McDonald and 65 others of Belmont, for an act annexing portions of said towns to Cambridge ; and the

Report of the committee on the Judiciary (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Sherman White, for relief and compensation for land taken for the water-works of the city of New Bedford, were accepted, and the first named was sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the Northampton and Williamsburg Street Railway Company to change its name and reduce its capital stock ;

To protect the oyster fishery in Barlow River ;

Authorizing the Newburyport and Amesbury Horse Railroad Company to lease its road and franchise ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston moved to amend the bill to authorize the town of Everett to choose a board of water commissioners, but on motion of Mr. Hurlbut of Sudbury further consideration of the bill was postponed until Monday.

The bill concerning jurisdiction over lands used for post-offices was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Benton of Brookline offered a substitute for the resolve for reimbursement of certain overpaid taxes, which was substituted for the resolve reported by the committee, and the same was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Athol the House Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 14, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Bonney of Hadley presented the remonstrances of R. A. Burget and 50 others of Cheshire, and of Lewis Bodman and 135 others of the town of Williamsburg, and S. G. Hubbard and 30 others of Hatfield, against the sale, lease or consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel, whereby it shall be monopolized by any party whatever; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Hoosac Tunnel.

Mr. Gardner of Hancock, the remonstrance of R. B. Dickie and 56 others of Lanesborough, against the consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Derby of Charlestown, the petition of Joseph H. Cotton and others for the union of the cities of Charlestown and Boston; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Annexation of Charlestown to Boston.

Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, the petition of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, for the passage of such laws as will prevent the suffering of horses by the overloading of cars on horse railroads; which was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Overloading of horse cars.

On motion of Mr. Whitfield of Fairhaven,—

Ordered, That the committee on Fisheries be authorized to employ a stenographer to report the hearings before that committee on the order relative to restricting the powers of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries to build fishways in streams where mill-dams have been maintained without fishways for a long term of years. Also, that the committee be authorized to cause the testimony and arguments to be printed for the use of the Legislature

Powers of Commissioners on Inland Fisheries.

Mr. Bowker of Boston, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to compensation for false imprisonment; which was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

False imprisonment.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Codman of Boston presented the petition of George T. Bigelow and others, purchasers of Back Bay lands, for relief; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

George T. Bigelow et alia.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, the petition of William D. Northend and others of Salem, Beverly and Peabody, for

District court in Salem.

the establishment of a district court in Salem; which was referred to the same committee.

Winchendon—Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Field of Leominster, the petition of William Taylor and others, trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Society in Winchendon, for leave to sell real estate; which was referred to the same committee.

Law of settlement.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, the petition of George E. Ellis and others, for a change in the law of settlement; which was referred to the same committee.

Papers from the Senate.

Charles Burleigh.

The petition of Charles Burleigh of Fitchburg, for compensation for services and disbursements made in aid of the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel, and for use of rights secured to him by letters-patent (taken from the Senate files), was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Cambridge—annexation to Boston.

The petitions of Samuel Walker and 129 others, and of William A. Webster and 190 others, voters of Cambridge, for the annexation of Cambridge to Boston, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

Holyoke Water Power Co.

Bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Holyoke Water Power Company, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Treasury of Dukes County.

Mr. Abbott of Malden, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, reported a resolve to reimburse the treasury of Dukes County; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Road commissioners.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported a bill to amend chapter 158 of the acts of 1871, relating to the powers of road commissioners. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Obstructions in Connecticut River.

Mr. Roberts of Waltham, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of J. F. Bridge and others for the removal of obstructions in the Connecticut River.

Vienna Exposition.

Mr. Patch of Boston, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolves concerning the Universal Exposition at Vienna, and the report of the committee on Manufactures in favor of said resolves, reported in favor of the passage of said resolves. Read and ordered to a second reading.

The same gentlemen, from the same committee, also re-

ported a resolve in addition to the resolves concerning the said exposition; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, reported a resolve providing compensation for land used for military encampments during the year 1872. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Land for
military en-
campments.

Mr. Jenkins of Abington, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill, reported by the committee on the Judiciary, concerning the number of associate justices of the supreme judicial court, reported that the same ought to pass. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Supreme ju-
dicial court.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the bill to authorize the Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester to appoint an assistant was taken from the table, and on motion of the same gentleman the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Assistant
register of
deeds for
Worcester
County.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

The reports of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, Leave to withdraw, upon the petition of the Baldwin Company, for an increase of capital stock;

Leave to withdraw, upon the petition of Leonard Barton and others of Gill, for the removal of obstructions in the Connecticut River; and

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward Lyman and others, in relation to obstructions in the Connecticut River;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs (ought not to pass) on the bill to incorporate the Springvale Company, was postponed for consideration until tomorrow.

The bill to authorize the town of Everett to choose a board of water commissioners was read and amended on motion of Mr. Evans of Everett, and of Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, and was then ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize William Humphreys and Ebenezer S. Twisden to extend their wharves in Marblehead was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To authorize the Northampton and Williamsburg Street Railway Company to change its name and reduce its capital stock;

To protect the oyster fishery in Barlow River ;
 Authorizing the Newburyport and Amesbury Horse
 Railroad Company to lease its road and franchise ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent
 up for concurrence, the last-named having been amended
 on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston.

Engrossed bills :

Authorizing William Lewis to extend his wharf at Vine-
 yard Haven ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Incorporating the Boston Tow Boat Company ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to
 the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Billings of Sharon the House
 Adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 15, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Annexation
 of Charle-
 town to
 Boston.

Mr. Derby of Charlestown presented the petition of
 William E. Jarvis and others for the union of the cities of
 Charlestown and Boston ; which was referred to the com-
 mittee on Towns.

Sea-fowls.

Mr. Purrington of Mattapoisett, the petition of Theo-
 dore Ames and 38 others, for an act to prohibit the chas-
 ing, shooting or disturbing of sea-fowls about the islands
 of Tuckernuck and Muskeget ; which was referred to the
 committee on Agriculture.

Hopkinton
 Railroad.

Mr. Blake of Milford, the petition of L. H. Bowker
 and others for the extension of the Hopkinton Railroad ;
 which was referred to the committee on Railways.

On motion of Mr. Hurlbut of Sudbury,—

Boston and
 Albany
 Railroad—
 freight
 charges on
 lime, hay
 and coal.

Ordered, That the committee on Railways be requested
 to ascertain the rates of freight charged by the Boston and
 Albany Railroad Company on lime, hay and coal, that any
 unjust burdens may not be imposed upon the citizens of
 this Commonwealth.

Free bank-
 ing law.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, the petition of the New Eng-
 land Labor Reform League in favor of a free banking law ;
 which was referred to the committee on Banks and Bank-
 ing.

Mr. Bardwell of Deerfield, the petition of Charles S. Babcock and 30 others of Deerfield, members of Co. H, 2d Regiment M. V. M., for an allowance for uniforms; which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Militia—Co. H, 2d Regiment M. V. M.

Mr. Parker of New Bedford, the petition of L. H. Faunce and 49 others of New Bedford; Mr. Hayes of Medford, the petition of W. J. Crocker and 75 others of Medford; Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, the petition of R. F. Alexander and others of Boston, all for the adoption of the eight-hour system for state, city and town employes. Severally referred to the joint special committee on the Labor Question.

Eight-hour law.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol, the remonstrance of John Orvis and 11 others against the abolition or impairment of the Bureau of Labor Statistics; which was referred to the same committee.

Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Granger of Boston, on leave, introduced a resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth presented the petition of Charles R. Train for an increase of the salary of the Attorney-General; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Salary of attorney-general.

On motion of Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford,—

Ordered, That the committee on Printing consider the expediency of printing 1,000 extra copies of the reports of the hearings before the committee on Railways on the consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel line of railroads.

Hoosac Tunnel—printing of committee hearings.

Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of John Bigelow and others for an amendment of the acts of 1869 regarding interest on loans, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Interest on loans.

The petition of William H. Dutton that certain taxes paid by him on bank shares may be refunded, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

William H. Dutton.

The petition of the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Company for the renewal of its charter, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Insurance.

Merrimack Mutual Fire Ins. Co.

Report of
Commissioners on
Public
Lands.

The report of the committee on Public Lands (inexpedient) on the 21st annual report of the Commissioners on Public Lands, came down from the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Hoosac
Tunnel—
committee
visit.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad be authorized to visit the Tunnel and railroad, to examine into the condition and progress of the work.

Taxation of
income.

The bill to abolish the taxation of income, came down from the Senate, and on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, who raised the question whether it was competent for the Senate to originate the bill, it was laid upon the table.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the order authorizing the committee on Fisheries to have certain hearings reported and printed was adopted. The motion was carried, and subsequently the order was again adopted.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

Authorizing Benjamin D. Dixie to extend his wharf in Marblehead ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

In addition to an act to provide for a union passenger station, and for the removal of railroad tracks from certain public ways and grounds in Worcester ;

Authorizing the American Print Works to enlarge their wharf in Fall River ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

The resolve to provide for testimonials to certain persons appointed in the Navy (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

After a long debate, the bill to incorporate the Springvale Company (on which the committee on Mercantile Affairs reported ought not to pass) was rejected by a vote of 74 to 41. Subsequently Mr. Ely of Dedham moved a reconsideration of the vote, which motion was placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs (leave to withdraw) on the petition of J. F. Bridge and

others, for the removal of obstructions in the Connecticut River, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To amend chapter 158 of the acts of 1871, relating to the powers of road commissioners ;

In addition to an act to incorporate the Holyoke Water Power Company ;

Were severally read, the former was amended on motion of Mr. Abbott of Malden, and the bills were then ordered to a third reading.

The bill to increase the number of the associate justices of the supreme judicial court, and the resolve providing compensation for land used for military encampments during the year 1872, were also severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Crocker of Boston, from the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, reported the bill to authorize the town of Everett to choose a board of water commissioners in a new draft ; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

The resolves concerning the Universal Exposition at Vienna were considered. Amendments were offered by Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Mr. Marden of Lowell and Mr. Hildreth of Worcester. After debate, on motion of Mr. Sargent of Lowell, the consideration of the resolves and amendments, and also of the resolve in addition to the resolves concerning the Universal Exposition at Vienna, was postponed until Monday.

The bill to authorize William Humphreys and Ebenezer S. Twisden to extend their wharves in Marblehead was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, the House
Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 17, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Aldrich of Prescott presented the remonstrance of Ira D. Haskell and 160 other legal voters of Enfield, against any monopolizing of the Hoosac Tunnel ; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Mr. Burnett of Belchertown, the remonstrance of S. Do.

M. Cook and 90 others, citizens of Granby, against the sale or lease of said Tunnel; which was referred to the same committee.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Mr. Watson of Lowell, the petitions of J. C. Simmons and 87 others, and of D. W. Knight and 83 others, all of North Brookfield, in favor of giving the Bureau of Statistics of Labor larger powers; also the petition of R. M. Fahey and 39 others of Hopkinton, that the Bureau of Statistics of Labor may print double the number of copies of its former reports; which were severally referred to the joint special committee on the Labor Question.

Do.

Mr. Waters of Webster, the petition of Lewis J. Berger and 100 others, citizens of Webster, in favor of the perpetuation of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor; which was referred to the same committee.

Eight-hour
law.

Mr. Billings of Sharon, the petition of John W. Whitmarsh and 34 others of Boston, for eight-hour legislation; which was also referred to the same committee.

Canada
thistle.

Mr. Titus of Worcester, the petition of Messrs. C. B. Metcalf, Walter Bigelow, T. W. Johnson, Stephen Salisbury and 53 other citizens of Worcester and neighboring towns, for legislation for the extermination of the Canada thistle; also the petition of the trustees of the Worcester County Horticultural Society for an amendment of the statutes so that citizens may destroy birds on their own premises; which were referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Fishery at
Harlow's
Brook.

Mr. White of Plymouth, the petition of Thomas C. Harlow, for protection in a fishery at Harlow's brook; which was referred to the committee on Fisheries.

Powers of
Commissioners on
Inland Fisheries.

Also, the petition of T. D. Shumway and 160 others of Plymouth, for an amendment of sections 5 and 9 of chapter 384 of the acts of 1869, and a limitation of the powers therein granted to the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries; which was referred to the same committee.

Grade,
drainage
and water
supply.

Mr. Codman of Boston, on leave, introduced a bill to provide a commission on grade, drainage and water-supply for certain cities and towns; which was referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

E. B. Ball.

Mr. Winslow of Newton, the petition of E. B. Ball of Newton, for the refunding of a bank tax; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Cape Cod
pilots.

Mr. Hill of Boston, the remonstrances of Captain Harrison and 25 other shipmasters; and of John H. Jeffries and 33 others, Boston pilots, against the appointment of

Cape Cod pilots; which were referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Mr. Porter of Beverly, the remonstanc of Thomas H. Kitfield and 91 others, citizens of Manchester, against the petition of C. A. Bartol and others for a causeway across the river at Manchester; which was referred to the committee on Harbors. Causeway at Manchester.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, the petition of E. H. and M. F. Stanwood for permission to build a wharf in Ipswich; which was referred to the same committee. E. H. and M. F. Stanwood.

Mr. Seaver of West Roxbury, the petitions of Paul D. Wallis and 101 others, owners of real estate in the westerly part of West Roxbury, and of Robert Watt and 270 others, residents of the same section, in aid of the petition of the inhabitants of West Roxbury, for an act authorizing the annexation of that town to Boston; which were referred to the committee on Towns. Annexation of West Roxbury to Boston.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol, the petition of Messrs. Edwin Ellis, A. G. Stratton and S. W. Lee, selectmen of Athol, for a law authorizing said town to exempt certain manufacturing property from taxation; which was referred to the committee on Manufactures. Athol—property exempt from taxation.

On motion of Mr. Parker of New Bedford,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education be instructed to inquire if section 4 of chapter 285 of the acts of 1867 has been complied with. Employment of children.

Mr. Marden of Lowell presented the petition of the Lowell Horse Railroad Corporation for a readjustment of shares and stock; which was referred to the committee on Horse Railways. Lowell Horse Railroad Co.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Capen of Stoughton presented the petition of William H. Tucker and other legal voters of Stoughton, for the repeal of the law providing for an income tax; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Taxation of income.

Mr. Parker of New Bedford, the petition of Frederick A. Washburn and 22 others of New Bedford, for the same object; which was referred to the same committee. Do.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That the Judiciary committee inquire into the expediency of passing a law for the more equal distribution of the constabulary of the Commonwealth. Distribution of the constabulary.

Papers from the Senate.

Asylum for insane persons. The petitions of Pliny Earle, M. D.; Clement A. Walker, M. D.; John E. Tyler, M. D.; George F. Jelly, M. D.; A. Ames, M. D.; Alvah Gooding, M. D., and others, in aid of petitions of Messrs. W. W. Godding, F. O. Dewey and others, for the establishment of an asylum for persons becoming insane from intemperate habits, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

False imprisonment. The bill (on leave) in relation to compensation for false imprisonment, came down from the Senate non-concurred in the House reference of it to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, and was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Boston and Albany Railroad. The petition of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company for an extension of time of payment of sums specified in a certain contract, and the interest thereon, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

Atlantic and Ontario Trust Co. The petition of Edward Crane and associates to incorporate the Atlantic and Ontario Railway Trust Company, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Hoosac Tunnel. The remonstrance of Joshua E. Crane and other legal voters of Bridgewater, against the sale, lease or consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Boston and Philadelphia Steamship Co. Bill to incorporate the Boston and Philadelphia Steamship Company, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, was read and ordered to a second reading.

East Boston R. R. Co. Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the petition of Edward G. Nickerson and others, reported a bill to incorporate the East Boston Railroad Company; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Election of United States Senator. Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth moved that when the House adjourn it be to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock, that there might be time to discuss the report of the Judiciary committee concerning the proper day for the election of a United States senator.

The motion was debated at length and lost.

Mr. Cogswell then offered the following order, which was laid over till to-morrow at his request:—

Ordered, That the House proceed to-morrow, February 18, to the election of a United States senator to fill the

vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Honorable Henry Wilson, heretofore communicated to the Legislature.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the ex- Bill passed.
penses of the State Almshouse, the State Prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Industrial School for Girls, the Bridgewater Workhouse, the State Primary School at Monson, and for other purposes (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the House rejected the bill to incorporate the Springvale Company was rejected, after debate, by a vote of 92 to 65.

The resolves concerning the Universal Exposition at Vienna were read and amended on motion of Mr. Marden of Lowell, and of Mr. Crocker of Boston, and were ordered to a third reading.

The resolve in addition to the resolves concerning the Universal Exposition at Vienna was read and amended on motion of Mr. Patch of Boston, and as amended was ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Public Lands (expedient) on the 21st annual report of the Commissioners on Public Lands, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill to authorize the town of Everett to choose a board of water commissioners was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To amend chapter 158 of the acts of 1871, relating to the powers of road commissioners ;

To increase the number of the associate justices of the supreme judicial court ; and the

Resolve providing compensation for land used for military encampments during the year 1872 ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Holyoke Water Power Company was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, the bill to confer a veto power on the mayors of the several cities of

the Commonwealth, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Hayden of Boston the House Adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 18, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Enoch San-
ford.

Mr. Copeland of Easton presented the petition of Enoch Sanford, for the refunding of double taxes; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Henry
Reed.

Mr. Ladd of Sturbridge, the petition of Henry Reed of Brookfield for state aid for his wards, Charles W. and Etta J. Buxton; which was referred to the same committee.

Militia—1st
Battalion
Light Artillery,
M. V. M.

Mr. Granger of Boston, the petition of Major D. H. Follett, commander of First Battalion of Light Artillery, M. V. M., for an appropriation for new uniforms for his command; which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Lawrence—
bridge
across Mer-
rimac
River.

Mr. Foss of Methuen, the remonstrance of James Walton and 274 others, legal voters of Methuen, against the petition of J. C. Hoadley and others for the laying out and building of a bridge at Lawrence; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston,—

Employ-
ment of
children.

Ordered, That the committee on Manufactures consider what legislation is necessary concerning the hours of labor of children employed by manufacturing corporations in this Commonwealth.

Annis-
quam Mu-
tual Fire
Ins. Co.

Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester presented the petition of the president and directors of the Annisquam Mutual Fire Insurance Company for the renewal of its charter; which was referred to the committee on Insurance.

Cultivation
of useful
fishes.

Mr. Porter of Braintree, the petition of Horace Faxon and 53 others of Braintree for the repeal of section 9 of chapter 384 of the acts of 1869; which was referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Springfield
Street Rail-
way Co.

Mr. French of Springfield, on leave, introduced a bill to amend the charter of the Springfield Street Railway Company; which was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Mr. Hayden of Boston, the petition of the Boston Eight-hour League in favor of an eight-hour law; which was referred to the joint special committee on the Labor Question.

Mr. Plunkett of Adams, on leave, introduced a bill to amend chapter 242 of the acts of 1869, to amend the charter of the Williamstown and Hancock Railroad; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Mr. Winslow of Newton, the petitions of John Kennedy and 90 others of East Boston, A. F. Rice and others, J. A. Bushee and 25 others, B. P. Bates and 11 others, G. H. Appleton and 127 others, Edwin Dyer and 61 others, and A. N. Proctor and 40 others, all of East Boston, for an act to authorize the Highland Street Railway Company to run its cars to East Boston; which were severally referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

A communication was received by the Speaker from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, asking for authority to reprint certain public documents destroyed by the recent great fire in Boston; which was referred to the committee on Printing.

The Speaker also announced that he had received the thirty-sixth annual report of the State Board of Education; which was referred to the committee on Education.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received by the Speaker from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, transmitting the county estimates for 1873; which was referred to the committee on County Estimates.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Printing consider what measures are necessary to secure the earlier printing of reports of hearings before the committee on Railways on the subject of consolidation of railroads leading from Boston to the Hoosac Tunnel.

Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge, on leave, introduced a bill empowering the supreme judicial court to grant new trials in certain cases; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

The bill (on leave in the Senate) to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to construct a freight track and

take freight lands in Charlestown and for other purposes, was referred in concurrence to committee on Railways.

Sealing of
weights and
measures.

The bill (also on leave in the Senate) in relation to the sealing of weights and measures, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Nathaniel
Freeman.

The report of the committee on Claims (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Nathaniel Freeman, for compensation for labor and material furnished for repairs on the State House, came down, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Natick wa-
ter supply.

A bill to supply the town of Natick with pure water, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

James Mc-
Elhaney.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Charles J. McIntire, for a special act to enable the supreme judicial court to grant a new trial to James McElhaney. Under a suspension of the rules, the report was accepted.

Lee Gas
Light Co.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Lee Gas Light Company of Lee, reported that the same ought not to pass, because the object intended to be accomplished can be reached under existing laws. This report was also accepted under a suspension of the rules.

Lumber
traffic on
Connecticut
River.

Mr. Phelps of Springfield, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reported leave to withdraw upon the petition of the selectmen of Northfield and others, relative to the traffic in lumber on the Connecticut River.

Cambridge
Fire Relief
Association.

Mr. Bigelow of Marlborough, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw upon the petition of P. H. Raymond and others, for an act of incorporation as the Cambridge Fire Relief Association.

Savings
bank at
North Den-
nis.

Mr. Evans of Everett, from the committee on Banks and Banking, reported leave to withdraw upon the petition of Hawes Chapman and others for a savings bank at North Dennis.

Savings
bank at
South Yar-
mouth.

Mr. Holmes of Fall River, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw upon the petition of Russell D. Ferris and others, for a savings bank at South Yarmouth.

Deposits in
savings
banks.

Mr. Gleason of New Braintree, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to limiting the aggregate amount of deposits in savings banks.

Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, from the committee on Agriculture, reported inexpedient to legislate on the petition of Elisha Holmes and others for the repeal of certain laws relating to the killing of black ducks and Canada geese.

Black ducks
and Canada
geese.

Mr. Chapin of Holyoke, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill to establish the salary of the assistant district-attorney for the Suffolk district, reported that the committee desired to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill.

Assistant
District At-
torney of
Suffolk.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending chapter 170 of the acts of 1866.

Assessment
of taxes.

Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on Printing, to whom was referred the order relative to the printing of the report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, reported that if the report makes 450 pages, and there is no delay by the Bureau in reading proof, it can be printed in about four weeks, if necessary.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending chapter 91 of the General Statutes, relative to property of deceased persons.

Property of
deceased
persons.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Judd of Lee, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the Senate bill concerning the waiver by widows of the provisions of wills, reported that the same ought to pass in a new draft. The bill was read and ordered to a second reading.

Widows
and provis-
ions of wills.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, presented a report upon "the message of His Excellency the Governor, transmitting the letter of the Hon. Henry Wilson, announcing his resignation as United States Senator, to take effect at the close of the forty-second Congress on the third of March next," concerning the time when it will be competent for the Legislature to proceed to the election of a United States Senator. The committee reported that "in their opinion the Commonwealth is now fully represented in the Senate of the United States; and that it is not competent for the Legislature to proceed to the election of a United States Senator at present. But that it will be competent for the Legislature to proceed to the election of a United States Senator on the second Tuesday after a vacancy in the representation of the Commonwealth in the Senate of the United States

Election of
United
States Sen-
ator.

shall happen, and the Legislature shall have notice thereof (if such vacancy happen and such notice be had during the session of the Legislature), and not before."

Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Sanger of Cambridge, and Fitzgerald of Boston dissented from the conclusions of the majority of the committee.

A long debate ensued on the acceptance of the report, which was finally accepted by the House.

Mr. Cogswell then withdrew the order offered by him yesterday, that the House proceed this day to an election for United States Senator.

Hoosac
Tunnel and
Troy and
Greenfield
Railroad.

A message was received from His Excellency the Governor, furnishing certain information in reply to an order of the House making inquiry concerning the rights of the Commonwealth in the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield and Southern Vermont Railroads; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Bills passed. Engrossed bills :

To increase the capital stock and change the name of the New Bedford and New York Steam Propeller Company; and

To amend an act to incorporate the trustees of the Smith Charities;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

A motion made by Mr. Goddard of Princeton, that when the House adjourn on Thursday it be to meet at 11 o'clock on Friday next, was lost.

Road com-
missioners.

On motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston, the vote by which the House passed to be engrossed the bill to amend chapter 158 of the acts of 1871, relating to the powers of road commissioners, was reconsidered. On motion of the same gentleman the bill was amended, and as amended was again passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bills :

To incorporate the East Boston Railroad Company;

To incorporate the Boston and Philadelphia Steamship Company;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Phillips of Salem offered the following amendment to the bill to confer a veto power on the mayors of the several cities of the Commonwealth: To add to the second section the following words: "Nor to any city until accepted by a majority of the legal voters of such city, present and voting by ballot, at meetings duly called for that purpose."

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown raised the point of order that the same amendment had previously been rejected by the House when the bill was in the same stage, and could not therefore be received.

The chair decided that the point was well taken.

Mr. Phillips then moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the amendment was rejected by the House.

Mr. Bailey raised the point of order that under the 24th rule concerning the reconsideration of votes the motion was not in order, as the right to move a reconsideration had expired.

The chair decided that under that clause of the rule which provided "that a motion to reconsider a vote upon any incidental or subsidiary question, shall not remove the main subject under consideration from before the House, but shall be considered at the time when it is made," the motion was admissible.

Pending the consideration of the motion, on motion of Mr. Stedman of Boston, the House

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 19, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Gleason of New Braintree presented the remonstrance of Charles Wilcox and 49 others of New Braintree, against the sale, lease or consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel; which was referred to the committee on Railways. Hoosac Tunnel.

Mr. Burt of Amherst, the remonstrance of Edward Dickinson and 200 others, citizens of Amherst, for the same object; which was referred to the same committee. Do.

Mr. Couch of Newburyport, the petition of David and Ebenezer Smith of Newburyport, to construct a branch railroad; which was referred to the same committee. David and Ebenezer Smith.

Mr. Johnson of Lowell, the petition of Daniel Hussey Daniel Hussey et al.

and others for leave to lay additional railroad track in Lowell; which was referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Sargent of Lowell,—

Street rail-
way corpo-
rations.

Ordered, That the committee on Horse Railways consider the expediency of a general law relative to the formation of street railway corporations, and the manner of locating and using the tracks thereof, and report by bill or otherwise.

Concord
Free Public
Library.

Mr. Crocker of Boston, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Concord Free Public Library; which was referred to the committee on Education.

Salem Ora-
torio Soci-
ety.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, the petition of the Salem Oratorio Society to be incorporated; which was referred to the same committee.

James P.
King, Eben
King.

Mr. Hanson of Peabody, the petitions of James P. King and Eben King of Peabody;

Henrietta
A. Morrill.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, the petition of Henrietta A. Morrill of Norwood; and

J. W. & H.
L. Crocker.

Mr. Creevy of Salem, the petition of J. W. and H. L. Crocker, all for the refunding of a bank tax; which were severally referred to the committee on Claims.

John
Glancy.

Mr. Nowell of Boston, the petition of John Glancy to be compensated for loss on goods purchased of the Commonwealth and seized by the United States; which was referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Plunkett of Adams,—

Flowing of
highways.

Ordered, That the committee on Manufactures be requested to examine and report whether any further legislation is necessary relating to the flowing of highways by mill ponds.

On motion of Mr. Ladd of Springfield,—

General in-
surance
laws.

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider whether any change is necessary in the general laws regulating the business of insurance, and report by bill or otherwise.

E. T. In-
galls and A.
R. Kimball.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, the petition of E. T. Ingalls and A. R. Kimball for leave to extend their wharf; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

On motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton,—

Lock-ups.

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons inquire into the expediency of additional legislation regarding the management and condition of places of detention and lock-ups.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Titus of Worcester, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to widows' dower; which was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Widows' dower.

On motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston,—

Ordered, That the Judiciary committee consider the expediency of additional legislation in regard to obtaining property by false pretences.

Obtaining property by false pretences.

Mr. Lancaster of Haverhill presented the petition of George Appleton and 120 others, in regard to the laws concerning cemeteries; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Cemeteries.

Mr. Saunders of Pepperell, the petition of the standing justice of the first district court of Northern Middlesex, for an increase of compensation; which was referred to the same committee.

First district court of Northern Middlesex.

Mr. Bowker of Boston, on leave, introduced a bill concerning houses of ill-fame and prostitution; which was referred to the same committee.

Houses of ill-fame.

Mr. Crocker of Boston, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to the collection of taxes in the city of Boston; which was referred to the same committee.

Boston—collection of taxes.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Governor be authorized to direct the Adjutant-General to cause a salute of one hundred guns to be fired on the fourth day of March in honor of the inauguration of General U. S. Grant as President, and Hon. Henry Wilson, Vice-President of the United States.

President's inauguration.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint standing committee on Banks and Banking consider and report what additional legislation, if any, is expedient in relation to banks organized under the General Statutes.

Banks organized under General Statutes.

The resolves of the town of East Bridgewater in relation to annexing a part of said town to the town of Abington or North Bridgewater, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

Annexation of East Bridgewater to Abington or N. Bridgewater.

The bill to authorize the Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company to hold real estate, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Insurance.

Worcester Mutual Fire Ins. Co.

The petition of T. C. Biscoe for the refunding of a tax

T. C. Biscoe.

on certain bank stock, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Old Colony
R. R. Co.

The bill to authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to widen its bridge across Fort Point Channel, and extend its wharf on said channel, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Har-

Plymouth
and Sand-
wich R. R.

bors.
The bill to extend the time for locating and constructing the Plymouth and Sandwich Railroad, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Springfield,
Athol and
North-East-
ern R. R.
Co.

The bill to allow the Springfield, Athol and North-Eastern Railroad Company to extend its railroad, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Lowell and
Andover
R. R. Co.

The bill relating to the Lowell and Andover Railroad Company, introduced on leave in the Senate, was also referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Boston
Steam Sup-
ply Co.

A bill to incorporate the Boston Steam Supply Company, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

West Boyl-
ston.

A resolve in favor of the town of West Boylston, which had also been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on Finance. •

George
Downes.

Mr. Morse of Cambridge, from the committee on Claims, reported a resolve in favor of George Downes; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Cuban pa-
triotists.

Mr. Smith of Cambridge, from the committee on Federal Relations, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of A. R. Lewis and others, relative to the belligerent rights of the patriots of Cuba. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Do.

Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, from the committee on Federal Relations, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the belligerent rights of the patriots of Cuba. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Gloucester
Mutual
Fishing Ins.
Co.

Mr. Harlow of Shrewsbury, from the committee on Insurance, reported a bill to amend the charter of the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Registry of
births.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to fix the fee of clerks and regis-

trars of towns for registry and return of births. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to abolishing the office of overseers of houses of correction and permitting county commissioners to paid by fees for the performance of certain duties. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Overseers of
houses of
correction.

On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston the vote by which the order relative to the employment of children by manufacturing corporations was adopted was reconsidered, and on his motion it was referred to the committee on Labor instead of Manufactures, and sent up for concurrence.

Employ-
ment of
children by
manufactur-
ing corpo-
rations.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To incorporate the Malden Odd Fellows' Hall Association ;

To fix the fee of persons attending as jurors before a sheriff ;

Relating to the par value of shares in corporations ;
(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, papers from the Senate relating to the case of Sherman White were laid upon the table.

Sherman
White.

On motion of the same gentleman, the message of His Excellency the Governor, concerning the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Railways and sent up for concurrence.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

The bill to confer a veto power on the mayors of the several cities of the Commonwealth was considered.

The amendment offered by Mr. Phillips of Salem, that the bill be referred to the people for acceptance, was amended, on motion of Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, so that the people should vote thereon at the next municipal election, and as amended the amendment was rejected by a vote of 65 to 55.

Another amendment offered by Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, that the mayor having the veto power be not a member of any standing committee of the city council, or have

a vote in the board of aldermen over which he presides, was rejected.

An amendment, offered by Mr. Marden of Lowell, that the power should not apply to the election of any officer, was adopted, and also an amendment, offered by Mr. Codman of Boston, that the act shall not take effect in any city till after the organization of the city council chosen at the next annual election therein.

The bill as amended was then passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to supply the town of Natick with pure water was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the town of Everett to choose a board of water commissioners, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Boston and Philadelphia Steamship Company was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The reports,

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs (leave to withdraw) upon the petition of the selectmen of Northfield and others, relative to the traffic in lumber on the Connecticut River;

Of the committee on Banks and Banking (leave to withdraw) upon the petition of Hawes Chapman and others, for a savings bank at North Dennis;

Of the same committee (leave to withdraw) upon the petition of Russell D. Ferris and others, for a savings bank at South Yarmouth;

Of the same committee (inexpedient) on the order relative to limiting the aggregate amount of deposits in savings banks;

Of the committee on Agriculture (inexpedient) on the petition of Elisha Holmes and others, for the repeal of certain laws relating to the killing of black ducks and Canada geese; and

Of the committee on the Judiciary (inexpedient) on the order relative to amending chapter 91 of the General Statutes, relative to property of deceased persons;

Were severally accepted, and all but the last named were sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Shattuck of Boston, the House Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 20, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Gleason of New Braintree presented the remonstrance of Charles C. Spooner and 48 other citizens of Hardwick against the sale, lease or consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, the petition of the Gloucester and Lanesville Railroad Company for an extension of time and amendment of charter; which was referred to the same committee.

Gloucester
and Lanes-
ville R. R.
Co.

Mr. Ladd of Springfield, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to change the location of its railroad in the towns of Montgomery and Russell; which was referred to the same committee.

Boston and
Albany
Railroad.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to change its location in Sandwich and Barnstable; which was referred to the same committee.

Old Colony
R. R. Co.

Mr. Stone of Wellfleet, the petitions of Atkins Nickerson and 56 citizens of Provincetown, and of H. B. Chase and other citizens of Yarmouth, for the abolition of compulsory pilotage on coastwise vessels; which were referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Compulsory
pilotage.

Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, the petition of William Forster of that city;

William
Forster.

Mr. Darby of Adams, the petition of Charles F. Tower;

Charles F.
Tower.

Mr. Whitney of Ashburnham, the petition of Elizabeth Martindale;

Elizabeth
Martindale.

Mr. Shaw of Middleborough, the petition of the town of Middleborough;

Middlebo-
rough.

All for state aid; which were severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Hanson of Peabody, the petition of Jane C. Daniels of Peabody for the refunding of a bank tax; which was referred to the same committee.

Jane C.
Daniels.

Mr. Chapin of Holyoke, the petition of A. G. Parker and others to legalize the acts and proceedings of the religious society of Chicopee incorporated as the Fifth Congregational Society of Springfield, and to change the name thereof; which was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Chicopee re-
ligious so-
ciety.

Gay Head
fisheries.

Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, the petition of William A. Vanderhoop and other citizens of the town of Gay Head, for an act prohibiting obstructions at the mouth of Menamsha Creek to prevent the ingress of fish to Menamsha Pond; which was referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

New jail in
Dukes Co.

Also, by the same gentleman, the petition of the county commissioners of Dukes County for authority to hire money to erect a new jail; which was referred to the committee on Prisons.

Cary Im-
provement
Company.

Mr. Carruth of Chelsea, the petition of the Cary Improvement Company for authority to construct a bridge across Chelsea Creek; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Shoe and
Leather In-
surance Co.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, the petition of the Shoe and Leather Insurance Company for amendment of the general insurance law; which was referred to the committee on Insurance.

City Mutual
Fire Ins. Co.

Mr. Palmer of Boston, the petition of the City Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Roxbury for a renewal of its charter; which was referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Marden of Lowell,—

Liquor law
and state
police,

Ordered, That the Joint Special Committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Emery, for an investigation as to the manner in which the liquor law is enforced, etc., have power to send for persons and papers.

Sent up for concurrence immediately under a suspension of the rules.

Army regis-
ter and na-
tional battle
flags.

Mr. Smith of Cambridge presented the petition of Messrs. John G. Whittier, Samuel G. Howe, William Claflin, Henry L. Pierce and others, for the rescinding and annulling of the resolution of December 18, 1872, censuring one of the representatives of the state in the Senate of the Union, and moved its reference to the committee on Federal Relations, with instructions to give the petitioners a hearing. On motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton, the word "remonstrants" was added, to petitioners, and the petition was referred to the said committee with the above instructions and sent up for concurrence.

Massachu-
setts Insti-
tute of
Technol-
ogy.

Mr. Hayden of Boston, the remonstrance of Julia Ward Howe, S. E. Sewall and others, against any further grant of land to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, except on condition that women shall be admitted to its advantages on the same terms as men; which was referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Morrill of Salisbury, the petition of Joseph N. Clark and 53 others, citizens of Salisbury, for relief on account of extra expense incurred by the town of Salisbury on account of the Newburyport and the Essex Merrimack Bridges across the Merrimack River; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Salisbury—
expense of
bridges.

Mr. Waters of Webster, the petition of H. H. Stevens and 75 other citizens of Dudley, for the annexation of Dudley to Webster; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Annexation
of Dudley to
Webster.

Mr. Nowell of Boston, the petition of Augustus Whittemore and 122 others, in aid of the petition of W. A. Humphrey and others for the annexation of Brookline to Boston; which was referred to the same committee.

Annexation
of Brookline
to Boston.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Phillips of Salem presented the petition of the deputy sheriffs of Essex County for an increase of pay; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Deputy
sheriffs of
Essex Co.

Mr. Hurlbut of Sudbury the petition of the citizens of the town of Acton that the vote of the town relating to bounty for reënlistment may be legalized; which was referred to the same committee.

Acton—
bounty for
re-enlist-
ment.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider whether any legislation is necessary to prevent the defacement of natural scenery by trade marks, advertisements and notices.

Natural
scenery and
trade
marks.

On motion of Mr. Hawley of Sandisfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire what legislation may be necessary in relation to abolishing the jury system of District Courts, increasing the pay of jurors at said courts, or lessening their number.

Jury system
of district
courts.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of regulating the compensation of sheriffs and their deputies, when juries are in attendance before them.

Sheriffs and
their depu-
ties.

On motion of Mr. Blake of Milford,—

Ordered, That the Judiciary committee inquire into the expediency of abolishing the death penalty; and also the expediency of restricting the powers of the Governor and Council in pardoning for capital offences.

Abolition of
the death
penalty.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher of Chelsea,—
Bank taxes. *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing by law for refunding the payment of bank taxes illegally or twice collected.

On motion of Mr. Field of Leominster,—
Returns of births, etc., by sextons and others. *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 4 of chapter 21 of the General Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Plunkett of Adams,—
Drafted men. *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any legislation is necessary to secure the refunding of money paid by drafted men in the years 1861 and 1862.

Divorce. Mr. Blake of Milford, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to divorce; which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Notaries-public. Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, on leave, introduced a bill authorizing notaries-public to administer oaths; which was read and referred to the same committee.

District court in Central Middlesex. Mr. Moore of Concord, on leave, introduced a bill to establish a District Court in Central Middlesex; which was read and referred to the same committee.

Papers from the Senate.

Tyngsborough—bridge across the Merrimack River. A bill to extend the time for laying out a highway and constructing a bridge across Merrimack River in the town of Tyngsborough, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Susan T. Chandler. The petition of Susan T. Chandler for refunding of a bank tax, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

East Parish in Randolph. The petition of C. S. Holbrook and others, pew-owners in the church edifice of the East Parish in Randolph, for leave to sell or dispose of the property of said parish, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Board of Education. *Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Education be requested to inquire into the expediency of enlarging the duties and powers, or the number, of the Board of Education.

Birds. The petition of the Trustees of the Worcester County Horticultural Society for amendment of the statutes in re-

lation to the destruction of birds, so that citizens may destroy birds on their own premises, came down from the Senate non-concurred in the House reference of it to the committee on Agriculture; whereupon, on motion of Mr. Titus of Worcester, it was indefinitely postponed.

The petition of Sherman White of New Bedford for redress for wrongs suffered at the hands of the New Bedford Water Commissioners, came down, referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage and the reference was non-concurred in.

Sherman
White.

Mr. Morse of Cambridge, from the committee on Claims, reported leave to withdraw, upon the petition of William H. Hammond, for state aid. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

William H.
Hammond.

Mr. Talbot of Dighton, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw, on the petition of Alfred A. Stocker, for state aid. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Alfred A.
Stocker.

Mr. Cross of West Boylston, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, reported leave to withdraw upon the petition of the Third Religious Society in Dorchester, for reorganization.

Third Re-
ligious So-
ciety in Dor-
chester.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported ought to pass, with an amendment, on the bill to repeal chapter 107 of the acts of 1852.

West Tis-
bury Par-
sonage.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the character of policies issued by life insurance companies. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Policies of
life insur-
ance com-
panies.

Mr. Knight of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of E. D. Winslow and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Tremont Market Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Tremont
Market Co.

Mr. Cummings of Woburn, from the same committee, reported a bill to increase the capital stock and change the par value of the Freemasons' Hall Association in Haverhill. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Freemas-
ons' Hall
Association
in Haver-
hill.

Mr. Cross of West Boylston, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, reported a bill to incorporate the South Framingham Camp-Meeting Association. Read and ordered to a second reading.

So. Fram-
ingham
Camp Meet-
ing Associa-
tion.

Violation of
insurance
laws.

Mr. Ladd of Springfield, from the committee on Insurance, reported a bill relating to the violation of insurance laws. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Brighton—
Citizens'
Mutual In-
surance Co.

Mr. Johnson of Lowell, from the same committee, reported a bill to extend the charter of the Citizens' Mutual Insurance Company, in the town of Brighton. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Ebenezer
Crafts.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported in a new draft, a resolve to confirm and make valid a deed made by the executors named in the will of Ebenezer Crafts, and by a trustee under said will. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To establish a grade in the town of Brookline ;

In relation to the capital of gas-light corporations ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The reports of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to amending chapter 170 of the acts of 1866 ;

And of the committee on Printing on the order relative to the printing of the report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs (leave to withdraw) upon the petition of P. H. Raymond and others, for an act of incorporation as the Cambridge Fire Relief Association, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Finance (asking to be discharged from further consideration) on the bill to establish the salary of the Assistant District-Attorney for the Suffolk District was accepted, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The report of the committee on Federal Relations, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to the belligerent rights of the patriots of Cuba, was debated and finally accepted by a vote of 55 to 47, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Federal Relations (leave to withdraw) on the petition of A. R. Lewis and others,

relative to the belligerent rights of the patriots of Cuba was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Claims, (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Nathaniel Freeman, for compensation for labor and material furnished for repairs on the State House, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

Bills.

Concerning the waiver by widows of the provisions of wills ;

To amend the charter of the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company ;

To fix the fee of Clerks and Registrars of towns for registry and return of births ;

To incorporate the Boston Steam Supply Company ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The resolves concerning the Universal Exposition at Vienna, were read a third time, and the resolves in a new draft reported by Mr. Crocker of Boston from the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, took their several readings under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Soule of Springfield the first resolve was amended by inserting the word "associates" for "assistants," and on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston a new resolve was added providing for a proper representation of our system of education and appropriating three thousand dollars to be expended under direction of the Governor and Council.

As amended the resolves were passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve in addition to the resolves concerning the Universal Exposition at Vienna, was indefinitely postponed.

The bill to incorporate the East Boston Railroad Company was read and amended, on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston and Mr. Codman of Boston, and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to supply the town of Natick with pure water was considered. Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge moved a verbal amendment to the bill.

Mr. Codman moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, and pending the consideration of the question, on motion of Mr. Hurlbut of Sudbury the House

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 21, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The following petitions were presented and referred and sent up for concurrence :—

To the committee on Railways,—

Consolidation of the Boston and Lowell and Fitchburg Railroad Cos. Hoosac Tunnel.

The petition of John C. Osgood and others of Salem, in aid of the petition of the Boston and Lowell Railroad, for consolidation with the Fitchburg Railroad; presented by Mr. Phillips of Salem.

The petition of Henry Wait and 109 others of Deerfield and Buckland, in favor of the consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel; presented by Mr. Bardwell of Deerfield.

Do.

The remonstrance of Melzar Lamberton and 49 other citizens of Gilbertville, against the consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel; presented by Mr. Gleason of New Braintree.

Salisbury & Exeter R. R.

The petition of the Salisbury and Exeter Railroad, for an extension of time; presented by Mr. Couch of Newburyport.

Lawrence—bridge across Merrimack River.

The petition of Andrew J. Perkins and 64 others, citizens of Lawrence, for a change in the location of the bridge of the Boston and Maine Railroad across the Merrimack River at Lawrence; and the

Petition of W. Fiske Gile and 108 others, for the same object; presented by Mr. Bacon of Lawrence.

Southbridge and Palmer Railroad.

The petition of the Southbridge and Palmer Railroad Company, for extension of time to locate their road, and for other purposes; presented by Mr. Ladd of Sturbridge.

Boston and Albany Trust Co.

The petition of Edward Crane and associates, to incorporate the Boston and Albany Railway Trust Company; presented by Mr. Hutchinson of Boston.

Boston and Lowell R. R.

A bill (introduced on leave) to authorize the construction of a branch track in Lowell, by the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation; presented by Mr. Watson of Lowell.

To the joint special committee on the Labor Question,—

Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

The petition of Caleb B. Hill and others of Framingham, for a continuation of the Bureau of Labor; presented by Mr. Sprague of Framingham.

Do.

The petition of Charles Sprewitz, of New York, in favor of the Bureau of Labor; presented by Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge.

To the committee on Water Supply and Drainage,—

The petition of the city of Somerville for right to drain through Cambridge and Charlestown; presented by Mr. Vinal of Somerville. Somerville
—drain
through
Cambridge.

A bill to authorize the town of Woburn to increase its water scrip; introduced on leave by Mr. Cummings of Woburn. Woburn—
water scrip.

A bill concerning sewers and drains in the city of Boston; introduced on leave by Mr. Codman of Boston. Boston—
sewers and
drains.

To the committee on Towns,—

The petition of E. W. Upton and 64 others, citizens of the town of Peabody, praying for the annexation of Peabody to the city of Salem; presented by Mr. Hanson of Peabody. Annexation
of Peabody
to Salem.

The petition of W. W. Merrick and others, for the annexation of a portion of Charlestown to Somerville; presented by Mr. Vinal of Somerville. Charles-
town—an-
nexation to
Somerville.

The petition of George E. Rogers and others, for the union of the cities of Charlestown and Boston; presented by Mr. Wiley of Charlestown. Annexation
of Charles-
town to Bos-
ton.

The petition of S. G. Phipps and others, for the same object; presented by Mr. Studley of Charlestown. Do.

To the committee on Mercantile Affairs,—

The petition of Edwin Chase and others, asking for a reduction of the capital stock of the Holyoke and Northampton Boom and Lumber Company; presented by Mr. Chapin of Holyoke. Holyoke
and North-
ampton
Boom and
Lumber Co.

The petition of Darius W. Foss of Sharon and 17 others, for authority to remove remains from a certain burial-ground in Sharon; presented by Mr. Billings of Sharon. Sharon—
burial
ground.

The petition of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Boston, for an increase of capital; presented by Mr. Nowell of Boston. Boston Odd
Fellows'
Hall Asso-
ciation.

The petition of Messrs. Laming and Drisko and others, for an act of incorporation as the Boston Land and Wharf Improvement Company; presented by Mr. Sanger of Cambridge. Boston
Land and
Wharf Im-
provement
Co.

A bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Sigma Phi Society of Williams College; introduced on leave by Mr. Barker of Pittsfield. Sigma Phi
Society of
Williams
College.

The petition of Joseph Nickerson & Co., and 41 other merchants and masters of Boston, for the abolition of compulsory pilotage; presented by Mr. Stone of Wellfleet. Compulsory
pilotage.

Haverhill
bridge.

To the committee on Roads and Bridges,—

A bill concerning the rebuilding of the Haverhill Bridge, introduced on leave by Mr. Blunt of Haverhill.

Haverhill—
bridge
across Mer-
rimack
River.

The petition of George Lovejoy and others, for an act authorizing and directing the County Commissioners of Essex County to build a bridge across the Merrimack River, between Haverhill and Bradford, beginning at or near Little River Bridge in Haverhill; presented by Mr. Blunt of Haverhill.

West New-
bury—
maintaining
of a bridge.

The petition of the town of West Newbury for relief from maintaining Rock's Bridge and New Bridge between Groveland and Haverhill, and for reimbursement of money already paid; presented by Mr. Morrill of Salisbury.

Newbury-
port—main-
tenance of
bridges.

The petition of the city of Newburyport for relief from maintaining Essex, Merrimack and Newburyport Bridges, and for reimbursement of money already paid; presented by Mr. Couch of Newburyport.

Warren
Ordway.

To the committee on Harbors,—

The petition of Warren Ordway, for authority to construct a wharf in Haverhill; presented by Mr. Blunt of Haverhill.

Cragie's
bridge.

The petition of the commissioners of the West Boston and Cragie Bridges, for authority to widen Cragie's Bridge; presented by Mr. Sanger of Cambridge.

Cary Im-
provement
Co.

The petition of the Cary Improvement Company in relation to their taxation under the construction of the corporation tax law; presented by Mr. Fletcher of Chelsea.

Wakefield
—bounties
to soldiers.

A bill to authorize the town of Wakefield to pay bounties to soldiers who served as part of the quota of said town in the recent war; introduced on leave by Mr. Britton of Wakefield.

Jesse Tir-
rell.

The petition of Jesse Tirrell for the remission of a tax illegally paid; presented by Mr. Nowell of Boston.

Charles P.
Brooks.

The petition of Charles P. Brooks to be paid for work on the State House; presented by Mr. Bailey of Charlestown.

Belcher-
town—sup-
port of state
paupers.

The petition of Addison Burnett of Belchertown, for the refunding to said town of money expended in supporting a state pauper; presented by Mr. Dudley of Northampton.

O. O. John-
son.

The petition of O. O. Johnson of Framingham, for payment of interest on the coupon of a war bond; presented by Mr. Sprague of Framingham.

Joseph M.
Currier.

The petition of Joseph M. Currier to be refunded for payment of a bank tax; presented by Mr. Fletcher of Chelsea.

The petition of Mary E. Ramsey for state aid ; presented by Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston. Mary E. Ramsey.

To the committee on Banks and Banking,—

The petition of Messrs. A. I. Benyon, E. Atkinson and C. H. Dalton, to be incorporated as the Massachusetts Mortgage Company ; presented by Mr. Winslow of Newton. Massachusetts Mortgage Co.

To the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies,—

The petition of William White and others, committee of the North Parish in Weymouth, for leave to sell parsonage lands ; presented by Mr. Hunt of Weymouth. North Parish in Weymouth.

To the joint special committee on the petition of Henry Emery,—

The petition of William Garrett for investigation of the conduct of a member of the State Constabulary ; presented by Mr. Winslow of Newton. State constabulary.

To the committee on Public Charitable Institutions,—

The petition of W. F. Durgin in behalf of members of the Deep Bottom Tribe of Indians, for an appropriation to enable them to improve a burial lot and other land ; presented by Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury. Deep Bottom tribe of Indians.

To the committee on Federal Relations,—

The petition of Messrs. Henry W. Longfellow, Emory Washburn, Louis Agassiz, Amos A. Lawrence and others, that the resolution of December 18, 1872, censuring one of the representatives of this state in the Senate of the United States, may be rescinded and annulled ; presented by Mr. Phillips of Salem, who asked that a letter might be read from the Hon. Henry Wilson asking him to put his (Mr. Wilson's name) on the petition. Army register and national battle flag.

Mr Hoyt of Athol raised the point of order that any document in the nature of an argument could not properly be read.

The chair decided that the point was well taken.

Mr. Codman of Boston moved that the letter be read, and subsequently withdrew the motion.

The following orders were read and sent up for concurrence :—

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown,—

Ordered, That the committee on Roads and Bridges consider the justice and expediency of requiring the county commissioners of Suffolk and Middlesex to assess the ex- Charlestown, Chelsea and Malden bridges.

pense of maintaining the bridges over Charles and Mystic rivers between Charlestown and Boston, Charlestown and Chelsea and Charlestown and Malden, upon the towns and cities benefited by said bridges.

On motion of Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford,—

Commis-
sioners on
Inland Fish-
eries.

Ordered, That the committee on Fisheries investigate and report whether any one of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries is interested in the sale of the fishways which the commissioners order to be used in the Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Splaine of Boston,—

May Train-
ing and Dec-
oration Day.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of so amending the existing militia laws, that the day usually set apart for May training be so designated that it will fall upon the day now commonly known as "Decoration Day."

On motion of Mr. Toland of Boston,—

Protection
of gas con-
sumers.

Ordered, That the committee on Manufactures consider and report as to the expediency of making further provision by law, whereby consumers of gas may be better protected from paying for a poor quality of gas, and also have some test, whereby the gasmeters may be correct, or nearly so.

On motion of Mr. Billings of Sharon,—

Deaf mutes.

Ordered, That the committee on Education be authorized to visit such schools for Deaf Mutes as are attended by pupils whose tuition is paid by the Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Sanger of Danvers,—

Truant and
reformatory
schools.

Ordered, That the joint committee on Education inquire and report what, if any, additional legislation is necessary to provide for the establishment of truant and reformatory schools in the several counties of the Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Sprague of Framingham,—

Insurance
losses.

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of amending the insurance laws so as to require all losses to be paid within sixty days after loss.

On motion of Mr. Cushing of Hingham,—

Insurance
policies.

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of providing by law that no printed clause, condition or provision in any policy of insurance shall be of any effect as against the insured unless printed in type at

least as large as that in which the sections of the General Statutes are printed.

The following petitions were presented and referred to the committee on the Judiciary :—

The petition of Edward Burke for confirmation of title ; Edward Burke.
presented by Mr. Vinal of Somerville.

The petition of Josiah K. Bennett and 32 others, legal voters of Groton, that their town may be relieved from liability to maintain a high school ; presented by Mr. Saunders of Pepperell. Groton—maintenance of a high school.

The petition of citizens of Danvers for addition of their town to the territory for a District Court in Salem, Beverly and Peabody ; presented by Mr. Sanger of Danvers. Danvers and the district court in Essex.

The petition of the inhabitants of the town of Gloucester for a city charter ; presented by Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester. Gloucester—city charter.

The petition of the mayor of Boston for an act authorizing the city to raise the grade of lands ; presented by Mr. Palmer of Boston. Boston—grade of lands.

The petition of the Boston and Roxbury Mill Company for confirmation of title ; presented by Mr. Sanger of Cambridge. Boston and Roxbury Mill Co.

The petition of James W. Cheney and others, citizens of Newburyport, in regard to amendment of charter relative to choosing assessors ; presented by Mr. Couch of Newburyport. Newburyport—election of assessors.

The petition of D. D. Kelley and others, in regard to the laws concerning voting ; presented by Mr. Morton of Boston. Laws concerning voting.

The petition of the mayor of Cambridge for alteration of city charter ; presented by Mr. Sanger of Cambridge. Cambridge—alteration of city charter.

The petition of Hannah E. Williams for an act to legalize her marriage ; presented by Mr. Cook of Boston. Hannah E. Williams.

The following bills, introduced on leave, were referred to the committee on the Judiciary :—

A bill concerning the committing of insane persons to hospitals ; presented by Mr. Sanger of Cambridge. Committing insane persons to hospitals.

A bill concerning repairs upon private streets and ways ; presented by Mr. Vinal of Somerville. Private streets and ways.

A bill relating to easements ; presented by Mr. Ely of Dedham. Easements.

A bill concerning divorce ; presented by Mr. Splaine of Boston. Divorce.

On motion of Mr. Ely of Dedham,—

Musical
societies.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 32 of the General Statutes by inserting therein after the word "educational" in sections 1 and 5 respectively the word "musical."

On motion of Mr. Lewis of Walpole,—

Sale of eggs
by weight.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing for the sale of eggs by weight.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Athol,—

Trials of
paupers at
state almshouses.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire whether the proceeding authorized by section 5 of chapter 198 of the acts and resolves of 1866 for the trial of paupers at state almshouses is in contravention of the constitution.

On motion of Mr. Bonney of Hadley,—

Pharmacy.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of regulating, by law, the practice of pharmacy in the state.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield,—

Re-marriage of divorced persons.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be requested to ascertain and report whether and further legislation is necessary relating to the re-marriage of divorced persons.

On motion of Mr. Lancaster of Haverhill,—

Officers in
superior
courts.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending the law in regard to fees of certain officers in attendance at superior courts.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Newburyport,—

17th of June.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of reporting a bill making the seventeenth day of June a legal holiday in this Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Marden of Lowell,—

Vote of
mayors of
cities.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing by law that mayors of cities shall have only a casting vote in the board of mayor and aldermen.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem,—

Water supply for cities and towns.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending chapter 93 of the acts of 1870, as to authorize cities and towns to contract with each other for a supply of water.

On motion of Mr. Cushing of Hingham,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire Liquor law.
if any further legislation is necessary to bring before
the courts the information as to whether the person guilty
of selling intoxicating drinks contrary to law, has been
convicted once or more before.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire Town con-
stables.
if some legislation is not necessary giving town constables
all the powers in their towns that the state police have in
prosecuting and enforcing the laws against the illegal
traffic in intoxicating drinks.

On motion of Mr. Moore of Concord,—

Ordered, That the Judiciary committee be instructed to Second as-
sistant
clerks of
courts.
inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the
appointment of second assistant clerks of the courts in the
counties of Suffolk, Essex, Middlesex and Worcester.

On motion of Mr. Ladd of Springfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire District
court of
Eastern
Hampden.
into the expediency of changing the limits of the District
Court of Eastern Hampden.

On motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider Betterment
law.
the expediency of amending chapter 382 of the acts of
1871 in relation to betterments.

On motion of Mr. Skinner of Milford,—

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee consider the Inland fish-
eries.
expediency of amending section 32 of chapter 384 of the
acts of 1869, so the time of prosecutions may be extended.

On motion of Mr. Morse of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery Insolvent
estates of
deceased
persons.
inquire into the expediency of repealing or amending
chapter 327 of the acts of 1868, entitled an act relating
to insolvent estates of deceased persons.

On motion of Mr. Cook of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery Estates of
deceased
persons.
consider whether any further legislation is necessary to
facilitate the settlement of the estates of deceased persons.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of the school committee of Newton, for Superinten-
dents of
schools.
amendment of section 35, chapter 38 of the General Stat-

utes, relating to the appointment of Superintendents of Schools, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Education.

Old Colony
R. R. Co.

The petition of E. W. Thayer and others, citizens of Holbrook, in relation to a change of location of the Old Colony Railroad, between South Braintree and East Stoughton, or between South Braintree and Huntington Heights, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Holyoke &
Westfield
R. R. Co.

The petition of J. C. Parsons, President of the Holyoke and Westfield Railroad, that the town of Holyoke may be allowed to take additional stock in said road, was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Plymouth
County
Railroad.

A bill to extend the time for the location and construction of the Plymouth County Railroad, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Canton and
Hyde Park
and Boston
and Providence
Railroad Cos.

A bill relating to the Canton and Hyde Park Railroad Company and the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Annexation
of Cam-
bridge to
Boston.

The petition of Charles Coolidge and 127 other voters of Cambridge, for the annexation of Cambridge to Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

Hunting of
deer with
dogs.

The report of the committee on Agriculture (leave to withdraw) on the petition of F. J. Briggs and others, in favor of the repeal of section 1 of chapter 320 of the acts of 1871, in relation to the hunting of deer with dogs, came down from the Senate, and was read and accepted in concurrence.

Eastern
R. R. Co.

The petition of the Eastern Railroad Company for authority to widen its bridges over Charles and Miller's Rivers and for other purposes, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

Surgeon-
General.

Mr. Carruth of Chelsea, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to abolishing the office of Surgeon-General. Read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

T. Cushing
et al.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of T. Cushing and others of Boston, for a loan of state arms. Read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Women on
school com-
mittees.

Mr. Packard of Boston, from the committee on Education, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative

to electing women on school committees. Read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Mr. Dudley of Northampton, from the committee on Claims, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Maurice Morey for indemnity for false imprisonment. Under a suspension of the rules this report was considered and finally accepted.

Mr. Jones of Boston, from the committee on Prisons, to whom was referred the last annual report of the Board of State Prison Inspectors, reported a bill to promote the discipline of the state prison; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on Railways, reported a bill concerning accidents on railroads; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Field of Leominster, from the committee on Education, reported a bill to change the name of the Wellesley Female Seminary. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, from the committee on Harbors, reported a bill to authorize John F. Dodge and others to construct a wharf in Quincy. Read and ordered to a second reading.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, also reported a bill to authorize Owen Bearse to construct a wharf in Quincy. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of George Downes, reported that the same ought to pass. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Bowker of Boston offered the following order:

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of abolishing the State constabulary, and establishing instead thereof a metropolitan police for the cities in this Commonwealth.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge moved to amend by striking out the word "Judiciary" and inserting instead thereof the words "Liquor Law;" carried by a vote of 78 to 67. The order as amended was then rejected.

An engrossed bill entitled An Act to increase the number of associate justices of the Supreme Judicial Court (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were considered.

The bill to supply the town of Natick with pure water was debated at length, and on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston it was recommitted to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

The reports,

Of the committee on Insurance (inexpedient to legislate) on the order relative to the character of policies issued by life insurance companies ;

Of the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies (leave to withdraw) upon the petition of the Third Religious Society in Dorchester, for reorganization ;

Of the committee on Claims (leave to withdraw) upon the petition of William H. Hammond, for State aid ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Claims (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Alfred A. Stocker for state aid was laid upon the table on motion of Mr. Dudley of Northampton.

The amendment offered by the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies to the bill to repeal chapter 107 of the acts of 1852 was rejected. The bill was amended on motion of Mr. Ide of Medway, and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To extend the charter of the Citizens' Mutual Insurance Company, in the town of Brighton ;

To increase the capital stock and change the par value of the Freemason's Hall Association in Haverhill ;

To incorporate the South Framingham Camp-Meeting Association ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve to confirm and make valid a deed made by the executors named in the will of Ebenezer Crafts, and by a trustee under said will, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Concerning the waiver by widows of the provisions of wills ;

To amend the charter of the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 24, 1873.

Met according to adjournment, Mr. Sanger of Cambridge in the chair.

Mr. Edwards of Watertown presented the petition of James Sharp and others for an act to supply the town of Watertown with pure water; which was referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, the 19th joint rule having been suspended. Watertown water supply.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, the petition of V. Danforth, clerk of the overseers of the poor in Lawrence, for reimbursement for moneys paid for the support of an insane person; which was referred to the committee on Claims. Lawrence—support of an insane person.

Mr. Sparks of Provincetown, the petition of B. F. Hutchinson and others, a committee of the citizens of Provincetown, asking that they may have the authority to exempt from taxation an amount of property for manufacturing purposes not exceeding \$20,000; which was referred to the committee on Manufactures, the 19th joint rule having been suspended. Provincetown—exemption of property from taxation.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, the petition of the trustees of the Lenox Academy, for leave to exchange real estate, and for other purposes; which was referred to the committee on Education. Lenox Academy.

Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, the petition of the stockholders of Holmes' Hole Union Wharf Company of Vineyard Haven, for the privilege of extending their wharf; which was referred to the committee on Harbors, the 19th joint rule having been suspended. Union Wharf Co.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, the petition of Wendell Phillips and John T. Sargent in aid of the petition for the expunging of the resolution passed December 18th, 1872, censuring Senator Sumner; which was referred to the committee on Federal Relations. Army register and national battle flags.

On motion of Mr. Loughlin of Lowell,—

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons be instructed to inquire into the expediency of requiring the warden of the state prison to present in each annual report, the nature of punishment of convicts in the state prison, and the offence in each case, and to specify the number and nature of punishments inflicted on each prisoner. Punishment in the state prison.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cummings of Woburn,—

Woburn
water
board.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of giving the town of Woburn authority to elect the water board of said town in the same manner in which the school committee is now chosen.

Powers and
duties of
corpo-
rations.

Mr. Crocker of Boston, on leave, introduced a bill relating to the powers and duties of corporations; which was referred to the next General Court under the rule.

Papers from the Senate.

Border City
Loan and
Trust Co.

The petition of S. H. Miller and others of Fall River, for an act to incorporate the Border City Loan and Trust Company, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Springfield
Banking
and Trust
Co.

A bill to incorporate the Springfield Banking and Trust Company, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Dog law.

A bill in addition to an act concerning dogs, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Agriculture.

Do.

A House bill in relation to licensing and registering dogs in cities, was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Annexation
of Cam-
bridge to
Boston.

The petition of P. A. Cunningham and 126 other voters of Cambridge, for the annexation of Cambridge to Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

Boston,
Hartford &
Erie R. R.

The petition of William T. Hart and others, trustees under the Berdell mortgage, for additional legislation concerning the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Mansfield &
Framing-
ham Rail-
road Co.

A bill to authorize the Mansfield and Framingham Railroad Company to extend its road, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Fall River,
Warren and
Providence
R. R. Co.

A bill to authorize the Fall River, Warren and Providence Railroad Company to mortgage its railroad, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

So. Adams
Water Co.

A bill to incorporate the South Adams Water Company, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Newbury-
port Ly-
ceum Asso-
ciation.

The petition of the Newburyport Lyceum Association, for an act of incorporation, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Education.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Manufactures consider the expediency of amending chapter 306 of the acts of 1872, making uniform the taxation of reservoirs. Taxation of reservoirs.

A bill to authorize James Ritchie and others to construct a wharf in South Dartmouth, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors. James Ritchie.

Mr. Stacey of Lynn, from the committee on Prisons, reported inexpedient to legislate upon the last annual report of the warden of the state prison. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Report of warden of state prison.

Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, from the committee on Harbors, reported a bill to authorize Job T. Wilson to construct a wharf in Fall River; which was read and ordered to a second reading. Job T. Wilson.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, also reported a bill to authorize Barnabas Clark to extend his wharf in Fall River. Read and ordered to a second reading. Barnabas Clark.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, the bill to incorporate the Boston Steam Supply Company was discharged from the orders of the day, ordered to be printed as it came from the Senate, and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Boston Steam Supply Co.

The orders of the day were then considered.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to abolishing the office of Surgeon-General, was on motion of Mr. Packard of Boston, postponed until to-morrow.

The report of the same committee (leave to withdraw) on the petition of T. Cushing and others of Boston for a loan of state arms, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to electing women on school committees, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to promote the discipline of the state prison was referred to the committee on Finance.

The resolve in favor of George Downes was ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To establish the salary of the assistant district-attorney for the Suffolk district ;

To change the name of the Wellesley Female Seminary ;
To authorize John F. Dodge and others to construct a wharf in Quincy ;

To authorize Owen Bearse to construct a wharf in Quincy ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to incorporate the Tremont Market Company was amended, on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, and as amended was ordered to a third reading.

The bill concerning accidents on railroads was amended, on motion of Mr. Sears of Barnstable, so that railroad officials might notify the railroad commissioners concerning accidents within forty-eight hours after an accident instead of within twenty-four hours ; and on motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston, so that the penalty should be one hundred instead of fifty dollars, and as amended it was ordered to a third reading.

The bill relating to the violation of insurance laws was rejected.

Bills :

To fix the fee of clerks and registrars of towns for registry and return of births ;

To increase the capital stock and change the par value of the Freemasons' Hall Association in Haverhill ;

To incorporate the South Framingham Camp Meeting Association ;

To extend the charter of the Citizens' Mutual Insurance Company in the town of Brighton ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Senate resolve to confirm and make valid a deed made by the executors named in the will of Ebenezer Crafts, and by a trustee under said will, was read and passed to be engrossed in a new draft and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 25, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

State constabulary.

Mr. Blake of Milford presented the petition of George S. Ball and others, a committee of the Worcester and

Middlesex Temperance Union, for an increase of the state constabulary force; which was referred to the joint special committee on the Liquor Law.

Mr. Cross of West Boylston, the remonstrance of the selectmen and 115 others of West Boylston, against the consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Hoosac Tunnel.

These papers were sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Berdge of Lynn presented the petition of Isaac Lamson Gilman of Lynn, for change of name; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Isaac Lamson Gilman.

On motion of Mr. Parker of New Bedford,—

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee consider the expediency of legislation for the strengthening of the law relative to houses of ill-fame.

Houses of ill-fame.

Mr. Sweet of Norton presented the petition of C. T. Borden and 29 others for a savings bank in Mansfield; which was referred to the next General Court.

Savings bank in Mansfield.

Papers from the Senate.

A bill to authorize the city of Fitchburg to fund its floating debt and to issue additional scrip, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Debt of Fitchburg.

Bills:

In addition to an act to incorporate the Nickerson's Wharf Company;

Nickerson's Wharf Co.

To incorporate the Quincy Point Street Railway Company; which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and ordered to a second reading.

Quincy Point Street Railway Co.

The House bill to amend chapter 158 of the acts of 1871, relating to the powers of road commissioners, came down from the Senate, with an amendment giving said commissioners all the powers and privileges conferred upon selectmen in chapter 314 of the acts of 1870, in relation to moving buildings in public streets and highways; and the House concurred in the amendment.

Road commissioners.

Mr. Porter of Beverly, from the committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petitions of Brigadier-Generals I. S. Burrill, R. H. Chamberlain and George H. Peirson and their respective staffs, reported a resolve providing compensation for general officers and their staff of

Militia—pay of general officers.

the militia, for attending encampments in the year 1872; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

False imprisonment.

Mr. Dudley of Northampton, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill in relation to compensation for false imprisonment, reported that it ought not to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Henry E. Gilbert.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted the resolve in favor of Henry E. Gilbert, reported that the same ought not to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

New Bedford Gas Co.

Mr. Foss of Methuen, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the New Bedford Gas Company for an increase of capital stock. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Dorchester Gas Light Co.

The same gentleman from the same committee also reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the Dorchester Gas Light Company for an increase of capital stock. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Brookline Gas Co.

Mr. Phelps of Springfield, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the Brookline Gas Company for an increase of capital. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bounties to agricultural societies.

Mr. Chapin of Holyoke, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report made by Mr. Belding of Northfield from the committee on Agriculture in relation to the payment of certain bounties to agricultural societies, also reported that the same ought to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Sale of eggs by weight.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the order relative to the sale of eggs by weight, reported that the committee desired to be excused from its further consideration, and recommended that the same be referred to the committee on Agriculture. The report was considered under a suspension of the rules and accepted.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills:

Authorizing the town of Braintree to raise twenty thousand dollars for the Thayer Academy;

To protect the oyster fishery in Barlow River;

In further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors;

To limit the service of jurors in Suffolk County;

To authorize the Northampton and Williamsburg Street Railway Company to change its name and reduce its capital stock ;

To authorize the Newburyport and Amesbury Horse Railroad Company to lease its road and franchise ;

To authorize William Humphreys and Ebenezer S. Twisden to extend their wharves in Marblehead ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To incorporate the Boston and Philadelphia Steamship Company ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House rejected the bill relating to the violation of insurance laws. The motion was carried, and on motion of the same gentleman the bill was recommitted to the committee on Insurance.

Violation of
insurance
laws.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

The report of the committee on Prisons (inexpedient to legislate) upon the last annual report of the Warden of the State Prison, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Packard of Boston offered a bill to abolish the office of Surgeon-General as a substitute for the report of the committee on Military Affairs (inexpedient to legislate) on the order relative to abolishing the office of Surgeon-General. After debate the bill was rejected, and the report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize Job T. Wilson to construct a wharf in Fall River ;

To authorize Barnabas Clark to extend his wharf in Fall River ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To establish the salary of the Assistant District-Attorney for the Suffolk District ;

To change the name of the Wellesley Female Seminary ;

To authorize John F. Dodge and others to construct a wharf in Quincy ;

To authorize Owen Bearse to construct a wharf in Quincy ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve in favor of George Downes was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Boston Steam Supply Company was amended on motions made by Mr. Bowker of Boston and Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The bill to incorporate the Tremont Market Company was amended, on motions made by Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston and Mr. Soule of Springfield.

On the question of passing the bill to be engrossed a quorum of the House did not vote and on a count of the House it was found that there was not a quorum of members present, and on motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown the House

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 26, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Hopkinton
Railroad.

Mr. Sprague of Framingham presented the petitions of A. Foote and 22 others, C. H. Tilton and 132 others, John Clark and 74 others, all of Ashland, and of M. H. Simpson and 304 other citizens of Saxonville, for the extension of the Hopkinton Railroad ; which were severally referred to the committee on Railways.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

Mr. Hall of New Bedford, the memorial of Charles Almy, Rodney French and 75 others of New Bedford, against the consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel ; which was referred to the same committee.

State man-
agement of
railroads.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, the remonstrances of Edward Atkinson and others, and of William Carlton and others, against the State building or purchasing additional railroads ; which was referred to the same committee.

Margaret
Coggin.

Mr. Loughlin of Lowell, the petition of Margaret Coggin, for State aid ; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Report of
Adjutant-
General.

A communication was received from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting the annual report of the Adjutant-

General; which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Nowell of Boston presented the petition of F. Snow and others, Trustees of the New England Female Medical College, that an enabling act be passed allowing the College to unite their property with that of Harvard University or the Boston University for the purpose of female education; which was referred to the next General Court.

New Eng-
land Female
Medical Col-
lege.

Mr. French of Springfield offered the following order:—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of making the first day of January a legal holiday. Read and rejected.

Legal holi-
day.

Mr. Allen of Lynn presented the petition of the Lynn Mutual Fire Insurance Company for an extension of charter; which was referred to the next General Court.

Lynn Mu-
tual Fire
Ins. Co.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of J. M. Bent and 150 others, in aid of the petition of the Hopkinton Railroad, for leave to extend their road, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Hopkinton
Railroad.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Fisheries inquire if any legislation is necessary to prevent the seining of smelts between the fifteenth day of March and the first day of June in each year in any of the waters of this Commonwealth.

Seining of
smelts.

The petition of the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation, for extension of the provisions of a contract with the Commonwealth, providing for the payment of a certain sum specified therein, and the interest thereon, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Expenditures.

Boston and
Albany
Railroad.

A bill in relation to limited partnerships, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Limited
partner-
ships.

Bills:

In addition to the acts relating to the Arlington Lake Water Company;

Arlington
Lake Water
Co.

To extend the duration of the Turner's Falls Land and Improvement Company at Montague;

Turner's
Falls Land
Co.

Mt. Olive
Cemetery
Corporation.
Union Hall
Association.

To incorporate the Mount Olive Cemetery Association ;
To increase the capital stock of the Union Hall Association ;

Which had severally been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and ordered to a second reading.

Amos Cummings.

Mr. Derby of Charlestown from the committee on Military Affairs reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Amos Cummings, late captain of Company K, 1st Regiment M. V. M., for relief. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Lawrence—
bridge
across Mer-
rimack
River.

Mr. Clark of Newburyport, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, reported leave to withdraw, upon the petition of J. C. Hoadley and others, for a bridge across the Merrimack River at Lawrence. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Affairs in
Spain.

Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, from the committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred the resolve concerning the condition of affairs in Spain, reported that the same ought not to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

B. Y. Warner et als.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw upon the petition of B. Y. Warner and others of New Bedford, for relief and compensation for land damaged by the New Bedford Water Works. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Clark E.
Morse.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw, upon the petition of Clark E. Morse, for relief and compensation for land damaged by the New Bedford Water Works. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Sheriff of
Worcester
County.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw, upon the petition of A. B. R. Sprague, for an increase of salary, as Sheriff of Worcester County. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Free bank-
ing law.

Mr. Holmes of Fall River, from the committee on Banks and Banking reported inexpedient to legislate on the petition of the New England Labor Reform League, in favor of a free banking law. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Springfield
water supply.

Mr. Titus of Worcester, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, reported in a new draft a bill to

amend chapter 345 of the acts of 1872, entitled an act to supply the city of Springfield with pure water. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Ladd of Springfield, from the committee on Insurance, reported a bill to extend the charter of the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Merrimack
Mutual Fire
Ins. Co.

Mr. Sprague of Framingham, from the committee on Harbors, reported a bill to authorize the Boston and Maine Railroad to construct a wharf in Somerville. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Boston and
Maine R. R.

Mr. Ladd of Springfield, from the committee on Insurance, reported a bill to extend the charter of the Annisquam Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Annisquam
Mutual Fire
Ins. Co.

The same gentleman, from the same committee reported a bill to extend the charter of the South Danvers Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

So. Danvers
Mutual Fire
Ins. Co.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, also reported a bill to extend the charter of the City Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

City Mutual
Fire Ins. Co.

An engrossed bill concerning jurisdiction over lands used for post-offices (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Bill passed.

On motions made by Mr. Davis of Lawrence, the bill to authorize the Roxbury Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock, was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

Roxbury
Gas Light
Co.

The orders of the day were considered.

Orders of
the day.

The bill in relation to compensation for false imprisonment and the resolve in favor of Henry E. Gilbert, upon which the committee on Claims had reported adversely, were rejected.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, upon the petition of the Dorchester Gas Light Company, for an increase of capital stock; and leave to withdraw upon the petition of the New Bedford Gas Company for an increase of capital stock, were accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To incorporate the Quincy Point Street Railway Company;

In addition to an act to incorporate the Nickerson's Wharf Company ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve to pay certain bounties to agricultural societies was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to incorporate the Tremont Market Company was rejected by a vote of 64 to 75. A motion to reconsider the vote, made by Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The bill concerning accidents on railroads was amended on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bills to authorize Job T. Wilson to construct a wharf in Fall River ;

To authorize Barnabas Clark to extend his wharf in Fall River ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, the report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, upon the petition of the Brookline Gas Company, for an increase of capital, was recommitted to that committee.

On motion of Mr. Billings of Sharon, the House Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 27, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

School ship
George M.
Barnard.

On motion of Mr. Breed of Lynn, the order relative to the disposition of the proceeds of the school ship George M. Barnard, was taken from the files of last year and referred to the committee on Claims.

Unlawful
fishing.

On motion of Mr. Plunkett of Adams,—

Ordered, That the committee on Fisheries consider the expediency of further legislation on the matter of unlawful fishing.

These papers were sent up for concurrence.

Fire in-
quests.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, on leave, introduced a bill to amend section 1 of chapter 303 of the acts of 1867 relating to fire inquests ; which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston,—

Ordered, That the Judiciary committee consider the expediency of further legislation upon the subject of fire-escapes. Fire escapes.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Athol, the petition of H. K. Do. Oliver, relating to fire-escapes, was taken from the files of last year and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize guardians to sell the real estate of their wards at private sale; which was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery. Real estate of wards.

Mr. Ladd of Springfield, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the order to ascertain what legislation is required in regard to blowing up or otherwise destroying of buildings at fires, reported that the committee desired to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. The report was accepted and its recommendation adopted. Demolition of buildings at fires.

Paper from the Senate.

A bill to incorporate the Central Club of Boston, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading. Central Club.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on Railways, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the Gloucester and Lanesville Railroad Company, for extension of time and amendment of charter. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Gloucester and Lanesville Railroad Co.

Mr. Bagg of West Springfield, from the committee on Manufactures, to whom was recommended the bill to increase the capital stock of the Gosnold Manufacturing Company, reported that the same ought not to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Gosnold Manufacturing Co.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill concerning houses of ill-fame and prostitution, reported that the same ought not to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Houses of ill-fame.

The Speaker announced that he had received from the Insurance Commissioner a report of premium receipts, losses, dividends, &c., of Massachusetts insurance companies, ordered by the last Legislature. Insurance statistics.

On motion of Mr. Ladd of Springfield it was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Middlebo-
rough sav-
ings bank.

Mr. Couch of Newburyport, from the committee on Banks and Banking, reported a bill to incorporate the Middleborough Savings Bank in Middleborough; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Apollo
Club.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to incorporate the Apollo Club of Boston; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Edgartown
—Mattake-
sett Creeks.

Mr. Nowell of Boston, from the committee on Towns, reported a bill to authorize the town of Edgartown to purchase the franchise of the proprietors of Mattakesett Creeks; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Treasurer of
Bristol
County.

Mr. Higgins of Orleans, from the committee on County Estimates, reported a bill to fix the salary of the Treasurer of the county of Bristol; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

County
taxes.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported a resolve granting taxes to the several counties; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Affairs in
Spain.

On motion of Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, the report of the committee on Federal Relations (ought not to pass) on the resolve concerning the condition of affairs in Spain, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Resolves
passed.

Engrossed resolves:

Concerning the Universal Exposition at Vienna;

For the reimbursement of certain taxes overpaid by insurance agents; and

Providing for expenses incurred in the supervision of the Hoosac Tunnel;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The reports of the committee on the Judiciary:

Leave to withdraw, upon the petition of B. Y. Warner and others of New Bedford, for relief and compensation for land damaged by the New Bedford Water Works; and

Leave to withdraw, upon the petition of Clark E. Morse, for relief and compensation for land damaged by the New Bedford Water Works;

Were accepted.

When the report of the same committee (leave to with-

draw) upon the petition of A. B. R. Sprague, for an increase of salary as Sheriff of Worcester County, was considered, Mr. Titus of Worcester offered a bill raising the salary to \$2,500 as a substitute for the report of the committee. After debate the bill was substituted and ordered to a second reading.

The reports of

The committee on Banks and Banking (inexpedient to legislate) on the petition of the New England Labor Reform League, in favor of a free banking law; of the

Committee on Military Affairs (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Amos Cummings, late Captain of Company K, 1st Reg't M. V. M., for relief; and of the

Committee on Roads and Bridges (leave to withdraw) upon the petition of J. C. Hoadley and others, for a bridge across the Merrimack River at Lawrence;

Were accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To extend the charter of the South Danvers Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

To extend the charter of the City Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

To extend the charter of the Annisquam Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

To authorize the Boston and Maine Railroad to construct a wharf in Somerville;

To extend the charter of the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

To amend chapter 345 of the acts of 1872, entitled an act to supply the city of Springfield with pure water;

In addition to the acts relating to the Arlington Lake Water Company;

To extend the duration of the Turner's Falls Land and Improvement Company of Montague; and

To increase the capital stock of the Union Hall Association;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading. The rule was suspended so that the bill last named was read a third time.

The bill to incorporate the Mount Olive Cemetery Association was recommitted to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies on motion of Mr. Ide of Medway.

The resolve to pay bounties to certain Agricultural Societies was reported from the committee on Bills in the

Third Reading in a new draft. The rules were suspended, the resolve took its several readings and was passed to be engrossed.

The Senate bills :

To incorporate the Quincy Point Street Railway Company; and

In addition to an act to incorporate the Nickerson's Wharf Company;

Were read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the House rejected the bill to incorporate the Tremont Market Company was debated and carried. On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown the bill was amended so that the capital stock was reduced from \$300,000 to \$200,000, and after debate the bill was passed to be engrossed by a vote of 107 to 35, and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 28, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Consolidation of
railroads.

Mr. Gleason of New Braintree presented the petition of John G. Mudge and 99 other citizens of Petersham, for an act to consolidate the Fitchburg, Vermont and Massachusetts, and Troy and Boston Railway Companies; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

Mr. Woods of Huntington, the remonstrance of E. H. Sawyer and 36 other citizens of Easthampton, against the relinquishment of state ownership and control of the Hoosac Tunnel; which was referred to the same committee.

Do.

Mr. Haynes of Townsend, the remonstrance of A. S. French and others of Townsend, against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel; which was referred to the same committee.

9th Regt. M.
V. M.

Mr. Wilson of Boston, the petition of B. F. Finan for compensation for damage to the uniforms of the 9th Regiment, M. V. M., during the fire duty; which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Division of
Sandwich.

Mr. Bowker of Boston, the petition of George Barrows and others, in aid of the petition of John A. Beckerman

and others, asking for a division of the town of Sandwich; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Mr. Parker of New Bedford, the remonstrance of Rodney French and 53 others of New Bedford, against the petition of W. W. Godding and others for an asylum for inebriates who are insane; which was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Asylum for insane inebriates.

Mr. Porter of Braintree, the remonstrances of F. H. Cowing and 250 others, citizens of Weymouth; and of Andrew J. Bates and 47 others, citizens of Braintree, against the repeal or modification of section 31 of chapter 384 of the acts of 1869, relative to the catching of smelts; which were referred to the committee on Fisheries. Catching of smelts.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Nowell of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing by law for warrants of attorney to confess judgments before notaries-public or any court of record. Warrants of attorney.

Mr. Marden of Lowell presented the petition of Francis Jewett, mayor of the city of Lowell, for an act authorizing said city to create a sinking fund for the payment of its water bonds; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Lowell water bonds.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of Charles Almy and others of New Bedford, to have the resolutions of censure concerning Charles Sumner expunged from the records of 1872, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Federal Relations. Army register and national battle flags.

The memorial of the American Statistical Society, in aid of the continuance of the Labor Bureau, was referred in concurrence to the joint special committee on the Labor Question. Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

A bill in relation to betterments in the city of Fitchburg, which has been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Fitchburg—betterment law.

A bill for the better protection of employes in the state prison, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, was read and ordered to a second reading. Employes in the state prison.

An order to enlarge the side windows in Room 8, west wing, reported by the committee on the State House, came down and was adopted in concurrence. Room 8, State House.

Cary Im-
provement
Co.

Mr. Dudley of Northampton, from the committee on Claims, asked to be discharged from the consideration of the petition of the Cary Improvement Company, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. The report was accepted.

Charles
Burleigh.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported, asking to be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Charles Burleigh, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad. The report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

First of-
fences for
drunken-
ness.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending section 25 of chapter 165 of the General Statutes, relating to first offences for drunkenness. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Hawkers
and ped-
dlers.

Mr. Davis of Lawrence, from the committee on Manufactures, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending the laws concerning hawkers and peddlers. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Arsenal at
Cambridge.

Mr. Splaine of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, made a report relative to the inspection of the arsenal at Cambridge; which was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

School dis-
trict system.

Mr. Marden of Lowell, from the committee on Education, reported a bill to enable towns to abolish the school district system; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Woburn—
water
bonds.

Mr. Shattuck of Boston, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, reported a bill to authorize the town of Woburn to issue additional water bonds; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Concord
Free Public
Library.

Mr. Sanger of Danvers, from the committee on Education, reported a bill to incorporate the Concord Free Public Library; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Newbury-
port—city
charter.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill in addition to an act to establish the city of Newburyport; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

In addition to an act to incorporate the Holyoke Water Power Company ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

To amend chapter 158 of the acts of 1871, relative to powers of road commissioners ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Wilson of Boston, the vote by which the House accepted the report of the committee on Military Affairs (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Amos Cummings, late captain of Company K, 1st Reg't M. V. M., for relief, was reconsidered, and on motion of the same gentleman the report was recommitted to the committee.

Amos Cummings.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the report of the deputy tax commissioner was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Finance.

Report of deputy tax commissioner.

The orders of the day were considered.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Railways (leave to withdraw) on the petition of the Gloucester and Lanesville Railroad Company, for extension of time and amendment of charter, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The bill concerning houses of ill-fame on which the committee on the Judiciary reported adversely, was rejected.

The bill to increase the capital stock of the Gosnold Manufacturing Company, on which the committee on Manufactures reported adversely, was rejected.

Bills :

To incorporate the Middleborough Savings Bank in Middleborough ;

To incorporate the Apollo Club of Boston ;

To authorize the town of Edgartown to purchase the franchise of the proprietors of Mattakesett Creeks ;

To fix the salary of the treasurer of the county of Bristol ;

To incorporate the Central Club of Boston ;

To increase the salary of the sheriff of the county of Worcester ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve granting taxes to the several counties was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To extend the charter of the South Danvers Mutual Fire Insurance Company ;

To extend the charter of the City Mutual Fire Insurance Company ;

To extend the charter of the Annisquam Mutual Fire Insurance Company ;

To authorize the Boston and Maine Railroad to construct a wharf in Somerville ;

To extend the charter of the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Company ;

To amend chapter 345 of the acts of 1872, entitled an act to supply the city of Springfield with pure water ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To extend the duration of the Turner's Falls Land and Improvement Company of Montague ;

To increase the capital stock of the Union Hall Association ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Osborn of Fall River, the House Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 1, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Division of
Sandwich.

Mr. Sears of Barnstable, presented the remonstrances of B. F. Bourne and 40 others, and of Samuel H. Nye and 30 others against a division of the town of Sandwich ; which were referred to the committee on Towns.

General an-
nexation to
Boston.

Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, the petition of Israel H. Gerrish, Isaac Stebbins and 671 others, legal voters of Chelsea, in aid of the bill to unite Boston and other cities and towns ; which was referred to the same committee.

Milford and
Woon-
socket R. R.

Mr. Blake of Milford, the petitions of H. N. Daggett and others of Attleborough, and of James P. Ray and others of Franklin, in aid of the petition of the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad, for an extension of its line ; which were referred to the committee on Railways.

Consolida-
tion of Bos-
ton & Low-
ell & Fitch-
burg Rail-
road Cos.

Mr. Read of Westford, the remonstrance of Luther Prescott and others of Westford, against the consolidation of the Boston and Lowell and Fitchburg Railroads ; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Winslow of Worcester, the petition of William Dickinson, John D. Baldwin and others, in aid of the petition of John G. Whittier and others; which was referred to the committee on Federal Relations. Army register and national battle flags.

Mr. Dudley of Northampton, the petition of Eliphalet Williams and 57 other citizens of Northampton, in aid of the same; which was referred to the same committee. Do.

Mr. Stetson of Quincy, the remonstrance of G. B. Perry and 39 others of Quincy, against the repeal or modification of section 31 of chapter 384 of the acts of 1869; which was referred to the committee on Fisheries. Smelt fishery.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider and report what changes, if any, are expedient in the law relative to the causes or proceedings for divorce. Divorce.

On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 7 of chapter 87 of the General Statutes, so that the punishment of persons convicted thereunder or under any branch thereof shall be imprisonment and not a fine. Houses of ill-fame.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of S. W. Gould, S. K. Abbott, Geo. H. Walker and 200 others of Malden, in aid of the bill allowing certain towns and cities to vote on the question of annexation to Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns. General annexation to Boston.

The petitions of Wm. Nichols and 130 others, and of M. M. Lane and 130 others, voters of Cambridge, for the annexation of Cambridge to Boston, were referred in concurrence to the same committee. Annexation of Cambridge to Boston.

The remonstrance of S. N. Story and 1,050 others, against the transfer of the control of the Hoosac Tunnel to any corporations or individuals, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways. Hoosac Tunnel.

A resolve confirming certain deeds of Ebenezer and Sarah W. Hale, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Ebenezer and Sarah W. Hale.

The petition of Elihu S. Hawks was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad. Elihu S. Hawks.

Tax on bank shares. The report of the committee on Insurance (inexpedient to legislate) on the order relative to modifying the law concerning the tax on bank shares held by insurance companies, came down from the Senate, and was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Bills :

Westborough water supply. For supplying the town of Westborough with pure water ;

Framingham & Lowell R. R. Co. To extend the time for the location and construction of the Framingham and Lowell Railroad ; and

Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad. To confirm the location of a portion of the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad in the town of Framingham ;

Which had severally been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and ordered to a second reading.

Tracks of street railways. Mr. French of Springfield, from the committee on Horse Railways, reported a bill relative to extending the location and use of tracks of street railways. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Bureau of Statistics of Labor. The Speaker announced that he had received the annual report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Athol the report was laid upon the table.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth offered the following :

Do. *Ordered,* That three thousand copies of the Report of the Bureau of Labor Statistics be printed for the use of the House of Representatives.

Do. Mr. Winslow of Newton offered an amendment providing that the compilation of statistics from the United States Census Returns presented with the report (which the Speaker stated would not be printed if the above order was adopted) be not printed. The amendment was rejected, and after debate the order was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, by a vote of 70 to 50, it was

Do. *Ordered,* That the State Printers be directed to print the report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor with the utmost possible dispatch.

March town meetings. Mr. Abbott of Malden moved that when the House adjourn it be to meet at 2 P. M. on Tuesday next.

Mr. Codman of Boston raised the point of order that

inasmuch as a similar motion had been defeated and the time of reconsideration had expired the motion was not in order.

The Speaker declared the point well taken.

Mr. Granger of Boston moved that when the House adjourn it be to meet at 2.30 P. M. on Tuesday next.

Mr. Winslow of Newton moved to amend by making the time 1.55 P. M. on Tuesday.

Mr. Granger accepted the amendment, Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth called for the yeas and nays, which were refused by a vote of 16 to 122, and the motion as amended was adopted.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

In further addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year ;

To repeal chapter 107 of the acts of 1852, relating to the sale of parsonage property in West Tisbury ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary (inexpedient to legislate) on the order relative to amending section 25 of chapter 165 of the General Statutes, relating to first offences for drunkenness, was accepted.

The report of the committee on Manufactures (inexpedient to legislate) on the order relative to amending the laws concerning hawkers and peddlers ; and the

Report of the committee on Military Affairs relative to the inspection of the arsenal at Cambridge ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To enable towns to abolish the school district system ;

To authorize the town of Woburn to issue additional water bonds ;

To incorporate the Concord Free Public Library ;

In addition to an act to establish the city of Newburyport ; and

For the better protection of employes in the State Prison ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To incorporate the Middleborough Savings Bank in Middleborough;

To incorporate the Apollo Club of Boston;

To authorize the town of Edgartown to purchase the franchise of the proprietors of Mattakesett Creeks;

To fix the salary of the Treasurer of the county of Bristol; and

To increase the salary of the Sheriff of the county of Worcester;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve granting taxes to the several counties was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Central Club of Boston was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge the bill in addition to the acts relating to the Arlington Lake Water Company was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Stedman of Boston the House Adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 4, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

Mr. Ladd of Sturbridge, presented the remonstrance of David Wight and 36 others, against the consolidation or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Do.

Mr. Cummings of Woburn, the memorial from the New England Shoe and Leather Association, in relation to a consolidation line by the Hoosac Tunnel; which was referred to the same committee.

Fisheries.

Mr. White of Plymouth, the remonstrance of Hiram Ellis and 11 others, citizens of Plymouth, against the petition of Thomas C. Harlow; which was referred to the committee on Fisheries.

Smelt fish-
ery.

Mr. Cushing of Hingham, the remonstrance of William M. Hobart and 62 others of Hingham, against repealing or modifying section 31 of chapter 384 of the acts of 1869, relative to catching smelts; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Billings of Sharon, the petition of William Claflin and 20 others of Newton, in aid of the petition of the school committee of that town, in regard to an amendatory act concerning the appointment of a superintendent of schools; which was referred to the committee on Education.

Superintendent of schools.

On motion of Mr. Cook of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the State House inquire as to the expediency of enlarging the windows in the several committee and other rooms, in use by members of the Legislature, not already enlarged, during the present session of the General Court.

Committee rooms, State House.

The Speaker announced that he had received the Seventh Annual Report of the Board of Harbor Commissioners; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Report of harbor commissioners.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, presented the petitions of James N. Buffum and others of Lynn, and of Mrs. J. Ellerton Lodge, Mrs. J. T. Sargent, Gen. Henry S. Russell and others; Mr. Smith of Cambridge, the petition of W. I. Bowditch, M. P. Kennard and others of Brookline, of Messrs. James Walker, N. B. Shurtleff, E. W. Kinsley, Edward Atkinson and others; and of George C. Patterson and others of Boston and vicinity; Mr. Bigelow of Marlboro', the petition of C. M. Howe and others of Marlboro'; Mr. Morton of Boston, the petition of Charles R. McLean and others of East Boston; Mr. Waters of Webster, the petition of John H. Stockwell and 45 other citizens of Webster; Mr. Plunkett of Adams, the petition of H. L. Sabin and 54 others; Mr. Palmer of Boston, the petition of James Freeman Clarke and others; Mr. Sargent of Lowell, the petition of F. P. Appleton and others; Mr. Allen of Lynn, the petition of William M. Newhall and 44 others; Mr. Bonney of Hadley, the petition of J. S. Bell and 74 others; Mr. Nowell of Boston, the petition of Joseph C. Loring and 104 others; Mr. Field of Leominster, the petition of Anson Rice and 81 others, legal voters of Northboro'; Mr. Sparks of Provincetown, the petition of James Gifford and others of Provincetown; and Mr. Foss of Methuen, the petition of Albert Dame, J. O. Parker and 74 others of Methuen,—all of the above petitions being in aid of the petition of John G. Whittier, for the rescinding and annulling of the resolution of censure of Hon. Charles Sumner, passed by the last legisla-

Army register and national battle flags.

ture. Severally referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Mason of Plymouth,—

Registers of
probate and
insolvency.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery inquire whether any legislation is necessary or expedient in relation to moneys remaining in the hands of the several registers of probate and insolvency from the deposit required by section 125 of chapter 118 of the General Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Soule of Springfield,—

Annuities to
judicial offi-
cers.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing for paying to judicial officers who shall retire from office after service for a certain number of years, and arrival at a certain age, the whole or a part of the salary of the office, during the remainder of their lives.

On motion of Mr. Stedman of Boston,—

Medical ex-
perts.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the appointment by the Governor and Council of medical experts for the purpose of obtaining unbiased testimony in criminal cases.

Berkshire
County
courts.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, on leave, introduced a bill authorizing the clerk of the courts in Berkshire County to draw clerk-hire from the county treasury; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown,—

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Ordered, That eight hundred copies of the statistical table presented by the Bureau of Labor in addition to the annual report of the Bureau for the past year be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Papers from the Senate.

General an-
nexation to
Boston.

The petition of G. A. Southworth, George W. Wentworth, P. Wardsworth, Jr., and 77 others, citizens of Malden, in aid of the bill allowing certain cities and towns to vote upon the question of a union with Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

Physicians'
certificates
of death.

A bill concerning physicians' certificates of death, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The report of the committee on Manufactures, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the East Boston Gas Company, for an increase of capital stock, accepted in the Senate, came down and was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to authorize the Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company to hold real estate, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to provide for a sinking fund for the payment of the city of Lowell water loan bonds. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the committee on Finance, reported, in a new draft, a resolve in favor of the town of West Boylston. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Chapin of Holyoke, from the committee on Finance, reported a resolve providing compensation for general officers and their staff of the militia, for attending encampments in the year 1872. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Sanford of Attleborough, from the committee on Finance, reported a resolve to reimburse the treasury of Dukes County. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the same committee, also reported a resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Messrs. Parsons, Griggs and Woods of the Senate; and Messrs. Stone of West Brookfield, Allen of Lynn, Hayden of Boston and Hutchinson of Boston, of the House, from the committee on Woman Suffrage, reported a resolve providing for an amendment of the constitution, to secure the elective franchise and the right to hold office, to women.

Messrs. Hopkins of Boston, Hurlbut of Sudbury and Burt of Amherst, from the same committee, dissented from the conclusion reached by a majority of the committee. The resolve was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes. Read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dudley of Northampton, the report

of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Alfred A. Stocker, for state aid, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Affairs in
Spain.

On motion of Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, the report of the committee on Federal Relations (ought not to pass) on the resolve concerning the condition of affairs in Spain, was taken from the table and considered.

After debate the House refused to accept the report of the committee, by a vote of 47 to 96, and the resolve was ordered to a second reading.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The Senate report of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to modifying the law concerning the tax on bank shares held by insurance companies, was considered.

Mr. Benton of Brookline offered a bill as a substitute for the report, and on motion of Mr. Abbott of Malden the report and bill were tabled and ordered to be printed.

Bills :

Relative to extending the location and use of tracks of street railways ;

For supplying the town of Westborough with pure water ;

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Framingham and Lowell Railroad ;

To confirm the location of a portion of the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad in the town of Framingham ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To enable towns to abolish the school district system ;

To authorize the town of Woburn to issue additional water bonds ;

In addition to an act to establish the city of Newburyport ;

For the better protection of employes in the state prison ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cook of Boston, the House Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 5, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Stedman of Boston presented the petition of E. & F. King & Co., and 250 firms and business men of Boston in favor of the consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel line of railroads ; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Hoosac
Tunnel con-
solidation.

Mr. Sawyer of Harvard, the petition of Charles T. Savage and 67 others of Harvard, for the state to assume the franchise and property of the Fitchburg and Vermont and Massachusetts Railroads and control the same for the public good ; which was referred to the same committee.

Fitchburg &
Vermont &
Massachu-
setts Rail-
road Coa.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways be authorized to report such amendments to chapter 53, acts of 1872, entitled "An act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations," as they may deem expedient.

General
railroad
law.

Mr. Lancaster of Haverhill, the remonstrance of James R. Nichols and 234 others, legal voters and tax-payers of Haverhill, against the petition of George Lovejoy and others, for a bridge across the Merrimack River between Haverhill and Bradford ; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Bridge
across Mer-
rimack
River.

On motion of Mr. Splaine of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs inquire if there exists anywhere on the coasts of Massachusetts, the practice of burning wrecks, or of setting up false beacon lights for the purpose of decoying ships ashore ; and that the committee be instructed to provide by law severe penalties for any person who may be found guilty of either of the offences above referred to.

Burning of
wrecks and
false beacon
lights.

Mr. Pierce of Arlington, the petition of Benjamin Poland, George Y. Wellington and 66 other citizens of Arlington, in aid of the bill allowing citizens of certain cities and towns to vote upon the subject of annexation to Boston ; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

General an-
nexation to
Boston.

Mr. Ladd of Springfield, the petition of Eliphalet Trask and 46 others, voters of Springfield ; Mr. Burnett of Belchertown, the petition of Harrison Root and 97 voters of Belchertown ; Mr. Bigelow of Marlboro' the petition of William Alley and others of Marlboro' ; Mr.

Army regi-
ment and na-
tional battle
flags.

Thayer of North Bridgewater, the petition of Gorham B. Howard and 117 others; Mr. Hall of New Bedford, the petition of Rodney French and 61 others of New Bedford; Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston, the petitions of John B. Goodrich and 60 others, citizens of Newton, of P. J. Tripp and 60 other citizens of Freetown, and of W. W. Russell and 80 others; and Mr. Holmes of Fall River, the petition of R. T. Davis and 140 others of Fall River,—all in aid of the petition of John G. Whittier, for the rescinding and annulling of the resolution of censure of Hon. Charles Sumner, passed by the last Legislature; which were severally referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Thayer of North Bridgewater,—

Location of
highways.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending the 12th section of the 43d chapter of the General Statutes, that it shall read: "The expense shall be assessed upon the abutters, or the petitioners or the town or county as the commissioners order."

On motion of Mr. Abbott of Malden,—

Journal of
the extra
session.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House cause to be printed for the use of the members, one thousand (1,000) copies of the Journal of the House of the late special session.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge offered the following order:—

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Ordered, That there be printed for the use of the House, three thousand additional copies of the Report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, of which two thousand shall be for distribution by the Bureau.

Referred to the committee on Printing.

On motion of Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester,—

Use of rep-
resentatives
hall.

Ordered, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted to-morrow at 10.30 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of a hearing before the committee on Federal Relations, on the petition of John G. Whittier and others.

Papers from the Senate.

Hoosac
Tunnel con-
solidation.

The petition of Edward Southworth and 302 other citizens of North Bridgewater, in favor of a consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel line of railroad, in accordance with

the recommendations of His Excellency the Governor, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

The House bill to confer a veto power on the mayors of the several cities of the Commonwealth, came down from the Senate with an amendment and was referred to the committee on the Judiciary, under the rule.

Veto power
of mayors.

Bills :

To unite the Fall River Orphan Asylum and the Children's Friend Society under the name of the Children's Home of Fall River ;

Children's
Home of
Fall River.

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Tyngsborough and Brookline Railroad ; which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and ordered to a second reading.

Tyngsbo-
rough and
Brookline
R. R. Co.

Mr. Cross of West Boylston, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, reported leave to withdraw, on the petition of William White and others of the North Parish in Weymouth, for leave to sell certain parsonage lands. On motion of Mr. Ide of Medway, the petition was recommitted to the committee.

North Par-
ish in Wey-
mouth.

Mr. Dudley of Northampton, from the committee on Claims, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Asahel P. Squires, to be reimbursed for expenses and services in the arrest of the Grafton bank robbers. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Asahel P.
Squires.

Mr. Cross of West Boylston, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, reported leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Gardner Young Men's Christian Association, for an act of incorporation. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Gardner
Young
Men's Chris-
tian Associ-
ation.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of W. W. Whitten and others of East Weymouth for an act of incorporation as the First Unitarian Society. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

First Uni-
tarian Soci-
ety of East
Weymouth.

Mr. Holmes of Fall River, from the committee on Banks and Banking, reported leave to withdraw, on the petition of John Davis and others for a savings bank at Methuen. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Savings
bank at Me-
thuen.

Mr. Cross of West Boylston, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, to whom was recommended the bill to incorporate Mount Olive Cemetery Association, reported the same ought not to pass. The bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mt. Olive
Cemetery
Association.

Boston Sun-
day School
and Mis-
sionary So-
ciety.

Mr. Cross of West Boylston, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, reported a bill to allow the Boston Sunday School and Missionary Society to change its name. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Williams-
town and
Hancock
R. R. Co.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, from the committee on Railways, reported a bill to amend chapter 242 of the acts of 1869, relating to the Williamstown and Hancock Railroad Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

George H.
Johnston.

Mr. Jenkins of Abington, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of George H. Johnston, reported that they desire to be discharged from further consideration of the resolve. Under a suspension of the rules the report was accepted and the resolve was ordered to a second reading.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To increase the capital stock and change the par value of the shares of the 'Freemasons' Hall Association in Haverhill ;

To amend the charter of the Gloucester Mutual and Fishing Insurance Company ;

To extend the charter of the Citizens' Mutual Insurance Company in the town of Brighton ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

In addition to an act to incorporate the Nickerson's Wharf Company ;

To incorporate the Steam Supply Company ;

To incorporate the Quincy Point Street Railway Company ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally read, passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves :

To confirm and make valid a deed made by the executors named in the will of Ebenezer Crafts, deceased, and the trustees under said will ;

Providing compensation for lands used for military encampments during the year 1872 ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House adopted the order to print 800 copies of the statistical table received with the Report of the

Bureau of Statistics of Labor. The motion was carried Woman suffrage. and the order was rejected.

Pending the opening of the discussion on the resolve to amend the Constitution to extend the elective franchise to women, Mr. Hoyt of Athol moved that ladies be admitted to the floor of the House. Subsequently he withdrew the motion, and moved to suspend the rule concerning the admission of outsiders to the floor. The motion was lost.

Numerous ladies were invited to seats by members.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

The resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution, to secure the elective franchise and the right to hold office, to women, was debated at length but was not disposed of.

The report of the committee on Claims (leave to withdraw), on the petition of Alfred A. Stocker, for state aid; was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Manufactures (leave to withdraw), on the petition of the East Boston Gas Company, for an increase of capital stock, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

To provide for a sinking fund for the payment of the city of Lowell water loan bonds;

Making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes;

Resolves:

In favor of the town of West Boylston;

Providing compensation for general officers and their staff of the militia, for attending encampments in the year 1872;

To reimburse the treasury of Dukes County;

In favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve concerning the condition of affairs in Spain was debated, and when the vote was taken a quorum of the House did not vote.

On motion of Mr. Cook of Boston the House Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 6, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Hopkinton
R. R. Co.

Mr. Moore of Concord presented the petition of Nathan Barker and others of Weston, in aid of the extension of the Hopkinton Railroad; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

Mr. Porter of Braintree, the resolutions of the town of Braintree against any consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel line with other railroads; which was referred to the same committee.

Bridge
across Mer-
rimack
River.

Mr. Lancaster of Haverhill, the remonstrance of the Mayor and members of the City Council of the city of Haverhill, against the petition of George Lovejoy and others for a bridge across Merrimack River at Haverhill; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Size of milk-
cans.

Mr. Harlow of Shrewsbury, the petition of William H. Howe and others, in favor of making milk-cans of uniform size; which was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Army regis-
ter and na-
tional battle
flags.

Mr. Harlow of Shrewsbury, the petition of Samuel Morey and others; Mr. Hill of Stoneham, the petition of James Peyton and others of Stoneham; Mr. Batchelder of Holliston, the petition of Seth Thayer and 39 others of Holliston; Mr. Blankinship of Marion, the petition of Alden Besse and 63 others of Wareham; Mr. Stone of West Brookfield, the petition of W. L. Powers and 38 others of Warren; Mr. Gardner of Hancock, the petition of George W. Barker and 34 others of Hancock, and of Phineas Harmon and 21 others of New Ashford; Mr. Phillips of Salem, the petitions of Messrs. Samuel Johnson, N. J. Holden, George M. Whipple and others of Salem, and of Peter M. Neal and others of Lynn; Mr. Talbot of Dighton, the petitions of Hercules Dean and 56 others of Berkley, and of William Cobb and 42 others of Dighton; Mr. Smith of Cambridge, the petitions of C. W. Clafin and others of Hopkinton, of John Warren and others of Auburn, of Otis Farnum and others of Charlton, and of F. M. Stone and 112 others of Waltham; Mr. Marion of Burlington, the petition of William Plummer and others; Mr. Field of Leominster, the petition of J. C. Allen and 47 others of Leominster, and of J. White Belcher and others of Randolph,—all in aid of the petition of John G. Whittier, for the rescinding and annulling of

the resolution of censure of Hon. Charles Sumner, passed by the last Legislature. Severally referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Vinal of Somerville, on leave, introduced a bill to amend chapter 224 of the acts of the year 1870; which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Common carriers of passengers.

On motion of Mr. Cook of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire as to the expediency of altering or amending "An act to limit the service of jurors in the county of Suffolk," passed at the present session of the General Court. Service of jurors.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills:

Fixing the fees of clerks and registrars of cities or towns for registering births; and Registry of births.

For the better organization of the fire department in the city of Fitchburg; Fire department of Fitchburg.

Which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The petition of T. B. Porter and 156 others of Weymouth, in favor of a consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel line of railroads, in accordance with the recommendations of His Excellency the Governor, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways. Hoosac Tunnel consolidation.

The petition of William G. Harris and others of Revere, in aid of the bill providing for annexation to Boston, and the petitions of George A. Meacham and others of Somerville, and of J. A. Grosvenor and others of Malden, in aid of the same, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns. General annexation to Boston.

The petition of B. Judd and 237 other legal voters of Westborough, in aid of the petition of John G. Whittier, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Federal Relations. Army register and national battle flags.

Bills:

In relation to the reports of the inspectors of the state prison; State prison.

In addition to an act entitled an act to supply the town of Winchester with pure water; Winchester water supply.

Which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate,

came down and were read and ordered to a second reading.

Member-
ship in par-
ishes and re-
ligious so-
cieties.

The report of the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies (inexpedient to legislate) on the order relative to qualification for membership in parishes and religious societies, accepted in the Senate, came down and was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

State prison.

Mr. Blake of Milford, from the committee on Prisons, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to punishment in the state prison. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Dukes
County jail.

Mr. Bonney of Hadley, from the same committee, reported a bill to authorize the county commissioners of Dukes County to erect a new jail. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Hosea C.
Hoyt.

Mr. Marden of Lowell, from the committee on the State Police, to whom was referred the petition of William Garrett for investigation of the conduct of Hosea C. Hoyt, a state constable, to see if he is a fit person to hold that office, reported that the committee desired to be discharged from further consideration of the matter on the ground that the object of the petition could not be accomplished by the committee. The report was read and accepted under a suspension of the rules and sent up for concurrence.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :
To incorporate the East Boston Railway Company ;
To incorporate the South Framingham Camp Meeting Association ;
To authorize Owen Bearse to construct a wharf in Quincy ;
To change the name of the Wellesley Female Seminary ;
To authorize John F. Dodge and others to construct a wharf in Quincy ;
(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Concerning the waiver by widows of the provisions of wills ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Woman
suffrage.

Mr. Cook of Boston moved that when the vote was taken on the resolves to secure the elective franchise to women it be at 4.30 o'clock, P. M., on Monday next.

Mr. Shattuck of Boston moved that the vote be taken this afternoon at 4.30 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Hall of New Bedford moved that the vote be taken at 3.30, P. M., to-morrow.

Mr. Fletcher moved that it be taken at 4.30, P. M., to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Morse of Cambridge, all of the above motions were laid on the table.

Mr. Shattuck of Boston moved that speakers be limited to ten minutes each in the debate. The motion was lost by a vote of 58 to 138.

The orders of the day were considered.

Orders of
the day.

The reports,

Of the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies (leave to withdraw), on the petition of the Gardner Young Men's Christian Association, for an act of incorporation ;

Of the same committee (leave to withdraw), on the petition of W. W. Whitten and others of East Weymouth, for an act of incorporation as the First Unitarian Society ; and

Of the committee on Banks and Banking (leave to withdraw), on the petition of John Davis and others for a savings bank at Methuen ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

When the report of the committee on Claims (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Asahel P. Squires, to be reimbursed for expenses and services in the arrest of the Grafton bank robbers was considered, Mr. Plunkett of Adams offered a resolve as a substitute for the report of the committee, and on his motion the report and resolve were tabled and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hayden of Boston offered an amendment to the resolve concerning the condition of affairs in Spain, and the resolve was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Taylor of Boston, and ordered to be printed.

The resolve providing for an amendment of the constitution, to secure the elective franchise and the right to hold office to women, was debated at length, but not disposed of.

Mr. Loughlin of Lowell offered the following substitute for the resolve reported by the committee :—

Resolved, That the question of admitting females to the

same rights of suffrage as males be submitted to the women of this Commonwealth, at the next general election to be held in this Commonwealth, and that the result of said vote be submitted to the Legislature next to be elected, said vote to be "yes" or "no" on the question: "Shall women be admitted to the same rights of suffrage as men, under the laws of the Commonwealth?"

Mr. Hoyt of Athol raised the question whether this amendment can properly be considered.

The Speaker announced that he would decide the question before a vote was reached on the amendment.

The bill to incorporate the Mount Olive Cemetery Association was rejected.

Bills:

To authorize the Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company to hold real estate;

To allow the Boston Sunday School and Missionary Society to change its name;

To amend chapter 242 of the acts of 1869, relating to the Williamstown and Hancock Railroad Company;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to provide for a sinking fund for the payment of the city of Lowell water loan bonds was read and passed to be engrossed, and on motion of Mr. Sargent of Lowell the rule was suspended requiring the Clerk to retain possession of the bill till the right of reconsideration had expired, and it was sent immediately to the Senate.

The bill relative to extending the location and use of tracks of street railways was passed to be engrossed, and on motion of Mr. Palmer of Boston the rule was suspended, and it was sent immediately to the Senate for concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Concord Free Public Library was read and amended, on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston from the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

For supplying the town of Westborough with pure water;

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Framingham and Lowell Railroad;

To confirm the location of a portion of the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad in the town of Framingham;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The resolve in favor of George H. Johnston was considered, and when the vote was taken on its passage to a third reading a quorum of the House did not vote, and on motion of Mr. Cook of Boston the House Adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 7, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Sawyer of Harvard, presented the memorial of the Milk Producers' Association that milk-cans shall be of the size of eight quarts, and sealed; which was referred to the committee on Agriculture. Size of milk-cans.

Mr. Hurlbut of Sudbury, the petition of N. E. Cutler and 74 others of West Acton, that the Commonwealth may assume the franchise and property of the Fitchburg, and Vermont and Massachusetts Railroads; which was referred to the committee on Railways. Fitchburg, Vermont and Massachusetts R. R. Cos.

Mr. Gleason of New Braintree, the remonstrance of Lyman Woodward and 101 others of Hubbardston, against the sale, lease or consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel; which was referred to the same committee. Hoosac Tunnel.

On motion of Mr. Ladd of Sturbridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education inquire into the expediency of amending section 34 of chapter 38 of the General Statutes by striking out the word "one" after towns, and substituting therefor the word "two." Compensation of committees of public schools.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, presented the petitions of Joseph Tucker and others, and of Charles F. Adams; Mr. Moore of Concord, the petition of A. Bronson Alcott and others of Concord; Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, the petition of Zenas M. Crane and others; Mr. Aldrich of Prescott, the petition of Charles A. Stevens and 100 others of Ware; Mr. Stewart of Colrain, the petition of Harvey Wilbur and 52 others of Leyden; Mr. Hill of Boston, the petition of Frederick Pease and others of East Boston; all in aid of the petition of John G. Whittier for rescinding and annulling the resolution censuring Hon. Charles Sumner; Army register and national battle flags.

Mr. Sawtelle of New Bedford, the petition of Weston

Howland and others in favor of expunging the above resolves ;

Mr. Thayer of North Bridgewater, the remonstrance of W. H. Osborne and others, soldiers and sailors of East Bridgewater, against rescinding or annulling the resolves concerning the obliteration of battle-names in the army register and on regimental colors ;

These petitions were severally placed on file.

Male night-walkers.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth presented the petition of Mrs. P. W. Smith, Annie J. Shattuck and others, for the enactment of a law concerning male night-walkers ; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Ladd of Sturbridge,—

Pay of assessors of taxes.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 52, chapter 11 of the General Statutes, by striking out the word "one" and substituting therefor the word "two."

Papers from the Senate.

Hoosac Tunnel consolidation.

The petition of William L. Reed and others of Abington, in favor of the consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel line of railroads, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Officers of banks.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of prohibiting the treasurer of a savings bank from holding the office of cashier of a bank of discount.

Army register and national battle flags.

The following report was received from the committee on Federal Relations :—

The committee on Federal Relations, to whom was committed the petition of John G. Whittier and others, and various other petitions for the annulling, rescinding or expunging of the resolutions passed at the last session of the legislature, concerning the army register and national flags, have considered the same, and report that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

(Signed)

GEORGE A. TORREY,
EDWARD LAWRENCE,
Of the Senate.

ADDISON GILBERT,
REUBEN G. SPARKS,
Of the House.

The undersigned respectfully dissent from the foregoing

report, and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

(Signed)

J. M. SMITH,
WILLIAM TAYLOR,
LEWIS HOLMES.

Of the House.

RESOLUTION to rescind a Resolution relating to a bill pending in Congress.

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, that the "resolution relating to the bill pending in Congress concerning the army register and the national flags," be and the same is hereby rescinded and annulled.

The report of the committee was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Perkins of Ipswich, from the committee on Claims, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of William Foster of Fall River, for state aid. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

William Foster.

Mr. Moore of Concord, from the committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the report of the commissioners on contagious diseases among cattle, reported a resolve to aid the suppression of contagious diseases among cattle; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Contagious diseases among cattle.

Mr. Billings of Sharon, from the committee on Education, reported a bill to authorize cities and towns to furnish pupils in the public schools with text-books. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Text-books for public schools.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, reported that the resolve in favor of Timothy Murphy ought to pass. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Timothy Murphy.

Mr. Whitfield of Fairhaven, from the committee on Fisheries, reported a bill for the preservation of fish in the pond of the Adams and Cheshire Reservoir Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Adams and Cheshire Reservoir Co.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report of the committee on Military Affairs on the petition of Murdoch Matheson and the accompanying resolve, reported that they had considered the same and asked to be discharged from its further consideration. The report of the committee was accepted and the resolve was read and ordered to a second reading.

Murdoch Matheson.

Free bridge
across Con-
necticut
River.

Mr. Abbott of Malden, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, reported a bill to establish a free bridge across the Connecticut River, between Springfield and Agawam. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize Job T. Wilson to construct a wharf in Fall River ;

To authorize Barnabas Clark to extend a wharf in Fall River ;

To authorize the town of Everett to choose a board of water commissioners ;

To provide for a sinking fund for the payment of the city of Lowell water loan bonds ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To incorporate the Central Club of Boston ;

To increase the capital stock of the Union Hall Association ;

To amend the charter of the Turner's Falls Land and Improvement Company ;

For the better protection of the employes of the state prison ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Woman
suffrage.

On motion of Mr. Cook of Boston, the motion that the vote on the resolve to secure the elective franchise to women be taken on Monday next, at 4.30 P. M., was taken from the table and was rejected.

On motion of the same gentleman, the motion of Mr. Fletcher of Littleton, that the vote be taken to-day at 4.30 P. M., was taken from the table and rejected.

On motion of the same gentleman, the motion of Mr. Hall of New Bedford, that the vote be taken at 3.30 P. M., to-day, was taken from the table and rejected.

On motion of Mr. Sawtelle of New Bedford it was voted that the vote on the resolve be taken on Wednesday next at 3.30 P. M.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth the resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution, to secure the elective franchise and the right to hold office, to women, was discharged from the orders of the day and considered. The resolve was debated at length, and on

motion of Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, the further consideration of the subject was postponed until Monday next.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

Bills :

To unite the Fall River Orphan Asylum and the Children's Friend Society under the name of the Children's Home of Fall River ;

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Tyngsborough and Brookline Railroad ;

To authorize the County Commissioners of Dukes County to erect a new jail ;

In relation to the reports of the Inspectors of the State Prison :

In addition to an act entitled an act to supply the town of Winchester with pure water ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes ;

To allow the Boston Sunday School and Missionary Society to change its name ;

To amend chapter 242 of the acts of 1869, relating to the Williamstown and Hancock Railroad Company ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to authorize the Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company to hold real estate, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolves :

In favor of the town of West Boylston ;

Providing compensation for general officers and their staff of the militia, for attending encampments in the year 1872 ;

To reimburse the treasury of Dukes County ;

In favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies (inexpedient to legislate) on the order relative to qualification for membership in parishes and religious societies, was accepted in concurrence.

On motions made by Mr. Bigelow of Boston, the insurance commissioner's report of premium receipts, losses,

dividends, &c., of Massachusetts insurance companies, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Insurance and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth moved to take from the table the resolve concerning the condition of affairs in Spain.

Pending the consideration of the motion, on motion of Mr. Cook of Boston the House

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 8, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

E. B. Perkins.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, presented the petition of E. B. Perkins for leave to extend a wharf in Salem; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Size of milk-cans.

Mr. Shumway of Dover, the petition of Aaron Bacon and 20 others of Dover, that milk-cans be made of uniform size and sealed; which was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Hoosac Tunnel.

Mr. Stone of West Brookfield, the petition of John H. May and 73 others of North Brookfield, against the sale, lease or consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

General annexation to Boston.

Mr. Fletcher of Chelsea, the petition of Charles Hubbard and 620 citizens of Chelsea, in aid of the petition for the annexation of Chelsea and other cities and towns to Boston; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Army register and national battle flags.

Mr. Billings of Sharon, presented the petition of James M. Robbins and other citizens of Milton; Mr. Gates of Worcester, the petition of David G. Davis and 60 others of Paxton; Mr. Howes of Dennis, the petition of Prince T. Crowell and 45 others of Dennis; Mr. Phillips of Salem, the petition of A. W. Beard and others of Boston, and of Messrs. E. B. Willson, George Wheatland, William Mack, John R. Lakeman and others; Mr. Soule of Springfield, the petition of D. L. Harris and 26 others, voters of Springfield; Mr. Cushing of Hingham, the petition of Hawkes Fearing, John D. Long and 29 others of Hingham; Mr. Woods of Huntington, the petition of Z. E. Coleman and 30 others, citizens of Southampton; Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, the petition of John M. Brewster and 28 other

citizens of Pittsfield; and Mr. Bonney of Hadley, the petition of H. L. James and 54 other citizens of Williamburg,—all in aid of the petition of John G. Whittier, that the resolution of censure of Hon. Charles Sumner be rescinded and annulled. These petitions were severally placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition J. Q. A. Lothrop and 110 others of Cohasset, in favor of a consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel line of railways, in accordance with the recommendations of His Excellency the Governor, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Hoosac
Tunnel con-
solidation.

The report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Lydia A. Short and others, officers of the Samaritan Society of Salem, for an act of incorporation and the right to hold real estate, accepted in the Senate, came down and was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Samaritan
Society of
Salem.

The petition of M. Jennings and 195 other voters of Cambridge, for the annexation of Cambridge to Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

Annexation
of Cam-
bridge to
Boston.

A bill authorizing the construction of a new state prison, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was referred to the committee on Finance.

New state
prison.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

Ordered, That on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March instant, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon, the House proceed to vote for a person to represent the State in the Senate of the United States in place of Henry Wilson.

United
States sen-
ator.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the two branches of the Legislature assemble in joint convention on Wednesday, the 12th day of March instant, at noon, for the purpose of comparing the journals of the two Houses, and performing all acts and things necessary and proper to be in joint convention performed, in relation to the election of a person to represent the Commonwealth in the Senate of the United States in place of Henry Wilson.

Mr. Stone of Wellfleet, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, reported a resolve in favor of the

Massachu-
setts Eye
and Ear In-
firmity.

Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary ; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Bill passed. An engrossed bill to incorporate the Tremont Market Company (which originated in the House of Representatives) was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Bureau of Statistics of Labor. Mr. Hill of Boston, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the order relative to printing 3,000 extra copies of the Report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, reported that the same ought to pass. The report was accepted.

Mr. Bowker of Boston moved to amend the order by making the number 5,000. After debate the amendment was adopted by a vote of 95 to 14, and as amended the order was adopted.

Murdoch Matheson. On motion of Mr. Splaine of Boston the resolve in favor of Murdoch Matheson was discharged from the orders of the day and laid on the table.

Winchester water supply. On motion of Mr. Hayes of Medford, the bill in addition to an act entitled an act to supply the town of Winchester with pure water was discharged from the orders of the day and laid on the table.

Orders of the day. The orders of the day were considered.

The report of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to punishment in the state prison ; and the

Report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William Foster of Fall River, for state aid ;

Were accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve in favor of George H. Johnston, was debated and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve in favor of Timothy Murphy was amended on motion of Mr. Granger of Boston, so that the amount of an annuity to be paid should be two hundred instead of one hundred and fifty dollars, and as amended was ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

For the preservation of fish in the pond of the Adams and Cheshire Reservoir Company ;

To establish a free bridge across the Connecticut River, between Springfield and Agawam ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To unite the Fall River Orphan Asylum and the Children's Friend Society under the name of the Children's Home of Fall River;

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Tyngsborough and Brookline Railroad;

In relation to the report of the inspectors of the state prison;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Federal Relations, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John G. Whittier and others, and various other petitions, for the annulling, rescinding or expunging of the resolutions passed at the last session of the Legislature, concerning the army registers and national flags, was considered.

Mr. Abbott of Malden moved that the report be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Winslow of Newton moved that the consideration of the subject be postponed until Thursday next at 2.30 P. M.

The question was debated; the previous question was refused. Mr. Winslow withdrew his motion, and it was subsequently renewed by Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth and carried.

The bill to authorize cities and towns to furnish pupils in the public schools with text-books, was debated but not disposed of.

The orders of the day were laid upon the table, and

Mr. Phillips of Salem offered an order that Mr. Wendell Phillips be allowed to have the use of the hall of the House of Representatives on Monday, March 11, at 10 o'clock, A. M. to make an address upon the expunging of the resolution of December 18, 1872, in relation to the army register and regimental flags.

Use of representatives' hall.

Mr. Cook of Boston asked that the order lie over.

Mr. Phillips of Salem moved that the rule be suspended, but as it could only be done by unanimous consent the order was laid over.

On motion of Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, the House Adjourned.

MONDAY, March 10, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Army register and national battle flags.

Mr. Phillips of Salem presented the petition of Messrs. Charles Ward, N. R. Morse, James F. Almy and 97 others of Salem; Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, the petition of General W. F. Bartlett; Mr. Splaine of Boston, the petitions of Monson Jarvis and 31 others of Boston, and of A. D. Pattie and 22 others of Boston; Mr. Briggs of Amesbury, the petition of Messrs. John A. Douglass, Charles O. Osgood, James W. Goodrich, I. A. Greeley, Edward Carpenter, F. E. Hodge and H. G. Leslie, officers in the service of the Union and 100 others, citizens of Amesbury and Salisbury, all in aid of the petition of John G. Whittier, that the resolution of censure of Hon. Charles Sumner be rescinded and annulled. Severally placed on file.

Division of Sandwich.

Mr. Purrington of Mattapoisett, the remonstrance of E. T. Pope and others, against a division of the town of Sandwich; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Annexation of Dudley to Webster.

Mr. Waters of Webster, the remonstrance of W. L. Davis and 89 others of Dudley, against the annexation of Dudley to Webster; which was referred to the same committee.

General Meade.

A message was received from His Excellency the Governor, concerning a monument to the memory of General Meade on the Gettysburg battle-field; which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

General railroad law.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred that portion of the Governor's address relating to the general railroad law, and an order relative to modifying or repealing section 13 of chapter 53 of the acts of 1872, reported a bill to amend chapter 53 of the acts of 1872, entitled an act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

Boston and Maine Railroad Co.

The bill to authorize the Boston and Maine Railroad to construct a wharf in Somerville, came down with an amendment. On motion of Mr. Sprague of Framingham the House concurred.

Pilot laws.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs,

leave to withdraw, on the petition of Joseph Perkins and others, pilots of Beverly and Salem, for a change in pilot laws, was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. Phillips of Salem withdrew his order relative to granting the use of the hall of the House of Representatives to Wendell Phillips. Use of representatives' hall.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Boston the resolve concerning the condition of affairs in Spain, was taken from the table. Affairs in Spain. It was read and ordered to a third reading.

The orders of the day were taken up. Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Lydia A. Short and others, officers of the Samaritan Society of Salem, for an act of incorporation and the right to hold real estate, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill to authorize cities and towns to furnish pupils in the public schools with text-books, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to supply the town of Natick with pure water was considered and debated at length. Two amendments, offered by the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, were adopted. Amendments offered by Mr. Codman of Boston, Mr. Hayes of Boston, Mr. Bowker of Boston and Mr. Bacon of Lawrence were lost. The bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills :

For the preservation of fish in the pond of the Adams and Cheshire Reservoir Company ;

To authorize the county commissioners of Dukes County to erect a new jail ; and

Resolves :

In favor of George H. Johnston ;

In favor of Timothy Murphy ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to establish a free bridge across the Connecticut River, between Springfield and Agawam, was discussed, Mr. Chapin of Holyoke offering amendments. Mr. Evans of Everett moved to lay the bill on the table, and the motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Stedman of Boston, the House Adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 11, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Boston Deaf
and Dumb
Library and
Lyceum As-
sociation.

Mr. Howard of Northbridge presented the petition of the Boston Deaf and Dumb Library and Lyceum Association for state aid ; which was referred to the committee on Education.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

Mr. Goddard of Petersham, the remonstrance of J. E. Doubleday and 89 others of Dana, against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel ; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Do.

Also, by the same gentleman, the remonstrance of James A. Gorham and 23 others of Dana, against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel ; which was referred to the same committee.

Size of milk-
cans.

Mr. Sawyer of Harvard, the petition of Joseph Heywood and others of Boxborough that milk-cans may be of uniform size, and sealed ; which was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Do.

Mr. Harlow of Shrewsbury, the petition of Valorous Taft and 98 others of Upton, that milk-cans be made of uniform size, and sealed ; which was referred to the same committee.

State con-
stabulary.

Mr. Hall of New Bedford, the remonstrance of Rodney French and others of New Bedford, against an increase of the state constabulary force, under the authority of the present board of police commissioners ; which was referred to the joint special committee on the Liquor Law.

On motion of Mr. Stedman of Boston,—

Out-door
relief.

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider the subject of out-door relief for certain parties, under the direction of the State Board of Charities.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Army regis-
ter and na-
tional battle
flags.

Mr. Gleason of New Braintree presented the petition of Charles Wilcox and 53 other citizens of New Braintree ; Mr. Woods of Huntington, the petition of A. D. Perry and 26 other citizens of Worthington ; Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, the petition of M. S. Bidwell and others of Monterey ; Mr. Shumway of Dover, the petition of Charles C. Sewall and 19 others of Medfield ; Mr. Field of Leverett, the petition of Seymour Rockwell and 85 others of Montague ; and Mr. Wallace of Fitchburg, the petition of

Walter Heywood and others of Fitchburg, all in favor of rescinding and annulling the resolution of censure of Hon. Charles Sumner, passed by the last Legislature. Severally placed on file.

Mr. Phillips of Salem presented the petition of Amasa Walker in favor of expunging the above resolution ; which was placed on file.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol presented the remonstrance of F. F. Fay and 118 others of Athol, against including the town of Athol in the proposed new district for the registry of deeds in Northern Worcester ; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Registry of
deeds in
Northern
Worcester.

Mr. Walker of Templeton, the remonstrance of John D. Edgell and 506 others of Gardner, against including that town in the proposed new district for the registry of deeds for Northern Worcester ; which was referred to the same committee.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

To extend the time for laying out a highway and constructing a bridge across Merrimack River in Tyngsborough ;

Bridge
across Mer-
rimack
River.

To amend the act of 1869, relating to the Pawnners' Bank of Boston ;

Pawners'
Bank.

To authorize James Ritchie to construct a wharf in Dartmouth ;

James
Ritchie.

To incorporate the Boston Commercial Building Company ;

Boston
Commercial
Building Co.

Which had severally been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Keith of Abington, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to providing by law a uniform system for the classification and filing of documents and papers in the custody of the registers of probate and chancery. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Registers of
probate and
chancery.

Mr. Perley of Boxford, from the committee on Agriculture, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of C. B. Metcalf and others, for legislation for the extermination of the Canada thistle. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Canada
thistle.

Mr. Dudley of Northampton, from the committee on Claims, reported leave to withdraw, on the petition of

Elizabeth
Martindale.

Elizabeth Martindale, for state aid. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Mr. Sanford of Attleborough, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve concerning the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, reported that the same ought to pass.

Cook Borden.

Mr. Cushing of Hingham, from the committee on Harbors, reported a bill to authorize Cook Borden to construct a wharf in Fall River.

Union Wharf Co.

Mr. Wing of Dartmouth, from the same committee, reported a bill to authorize the Union Wharf Company to extend their wharf at Vineyard Haven.

Warren Ordway.

Mr. Wilson of Boston, from the same committee, reported a bill to authorize Warren Ordway to construct a wharf in Haverhill.

Fast driving on free bridges.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to prohibit fast driving on free bridges over the Connecticut River.

Wamesit Power Co.

Mr. Johnson of Lowell, from the committee on Insurance, reported a bill to authorize the Wamesit Power Company to enter into mutual insurance with other corporations.

Worcester and Shrewsbury Railroad Co.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the petition of E. B. Stoddard, reported a bill concerning the Worcester and Shrewsbury Railroad Company.

Hopkinton R. R. Co.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of L. H. Bowker and others, reported a bill to authorize the Hopkinton Railroad Company to extend its railroad and mortgage the same.

Lowell Horse Railroad Co.

Mr. Darby of Adams, from the committee on Horse Railways, reported a bill to authorize the Lowell Horse Railroad Company to add its earnings expended in construction, equipment and real estate, to its capital stock.

These bills and resolves were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To extend the charter of the Annisquam Mutual Fire Insurance Company ;

To amend an act to supply the city of Springfield with pure water ;

To extend the charter of the South Danvers Mutual Fire Insurance Company :

To extend the charter of the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Company ;

To extend the charter of the City Mutual Insurance Company ;

To incorporate the Middleborough Savings Bank ;
(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

In favor of George Downes ;

To pay bounties to certain agricultural societies ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston it was voted that when the House adjourn it be to meet at 10 minutes before 12 o'clock, to-morrow.

The orders of the day were considered.

Orders of
the day.

The bill to amend chapter 53 of the acts of 1872, entitled an act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize cities and towns to furnish pupils in the public schools with text-books, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve concerning the condition of affairs in Spain was amended on motion of Mr. Hayden of Boston, but was not disposed of.

The Speaker decided that the House could properly consider the amendment offered by Mr. Loughlin of Lowell to the resolve providing for an amendment of the constitution, to secure the elective franchise and the right to hold office, to women ; which amendment provided that the subject be submitted to the vote of the women of the Commonwealth. Mr. Loughlin then withdrew his amendment.

The orders of the day were then laid on the table.

At 2.30 o'clock, P. M., Mr. Bailey of Charlestown called for the special assignment, and the House proceeded to the election, on its part, of a Senator in Congress to fill the vacancy in the unexpired term occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Henry Wilson.

Election of
United
States Sen-
ator.

The roll of the House was called and the following named members voted for GEORGE S. BOUTWELL :—

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
Andrew J. Bailey,
Nahum Bailey, Jr.,
William Baker,
John M. Batchelder,
Edward A. Berdge,
Edward L. Bigelow,
John Bigelow,
George B. Blake,
Peleg Blankinship,
Dennis Bonner,
Horace L. Bowker,
James W. Bradley,
Richard Britton,
Moses L. Buck,
Adam Capen, Jr.,
Sumner Carruth,
Henry B. Chamberlin,
Albe C. Clark,
George W. Clark,
Alfred A. Clatur,
John B. D. Cogswell,
John S. Coney,
William H. Cook,
John Cushing,
Joseph W. Cross,
George J. Dean,
Frederick D. Ely,
George O. Fairbanks,
John H. Fisher,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
Daniel C. Fletcher,
Granville E. Foss,
William Frost,
Addison Gilbert,
Charles A. Gleason,
Stephen D. Goddard,
Brownell Granger,
Fitz E. Griffin,
Isaac D. Hall,
Lewis Hayden,
Samuel S. Haynes,
Lot Higgins,
Samuel E. Hildreth,
Amos Hill,
Henry B. Hill,
John W. Hollis,
Lewis Holmes,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
David P. Howes,

Messrs. George H. Hoyt,
Barney Hull,
E. Atherton Hunt,
Thomas P. Hurlbut,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Jonathan Johnson,
Edward J. Jones,
Almond R. Lancaster,
George A. Marden,
Elijah Marion,
Albert Mason,
David Mayhew,
Samuel W. McDaniel,
Charles W. Morrill,
Asa P. Morse,
John A. Nowell,
Edward O. Noyes,
Weaver Osborn,
Liberty D. Packard,
Albert Palmer,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
Daniel A. Patch,
Calvin T. Phillips,
Francis E. Porter,
George Purrington, Jr.,
J. Henry Read,
Philip H. Robinson,
Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,
George J. Sanger,
George P. Sanger,
Joseph L. Sargent,
Amos J. Saunders,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Augustus J. Sawyer,
Henry C. Skinner,
James Smith,
Joshua B. Smith,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Franklin H. Sprague,
Thomas N. Stone,
William B. Stone,
Andrew H. Sweet,
Charles Talbot,
James G. Tarr,
William Taylor,
E. Loring Thayer,
Joseph A. Titus,
Q. A. Vinal,
William N. Walker,

Messrs. Rodney Wallace,
Andrew J. Waters,
Edward F. Watson,
Tisdale S. White,
William H. Whitfield,

Messrs. Robert R. Wiley,
Henry W. Wilson,
Benjamin F. Wing,
Ezra D. Winslow,
Samuel Winslow.

Total, 110.

The following named members voted for HENRY L.
DAWES :—

Messrs. Wales Aldrich,
A. S. Atherton,
Aaron Bagg,
George W. Bardwell,
James M. Barker,
Elijah E. Belding,
Ezekiel D. Bement,
Austin W. Benton,
Sanford W. Billings,
William R. Black,
William E. Blunt,
Franklin Bonney,
Bowman B. Breed,
William H. Buck,
Addison Burnett,
Henry Burt,
Charles V. Carpenter,
Edward W. Chapin,
Francis W. Clark,
George Copeland,
Charles Crittenden,
George G. Crocker,
Ben. C. Currier,
William F. Darby,
George E. Davis,
Joshua W. Davis,
William Dean,
Seymour B. Dewey,
Lewis J. Dudley,
Joseph Dyer,
Alonzo H. Evans,
Harrison O. Field,
Eustace C. Fitz,
John W. Fletcher,
H. M. French,
Kirke E. Gardner,
John Gates,
Asa H. Goddard,
Simeon Hardy,
Austin Hawley,

Messrs. David P. Hatch,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Francis B. Hayes,
Samuel W. Heath,
Charles J. Holmes,
Emory A. Howard,
Alexis W. Ide,
Thomas M. Judd,
George P. Kendrick,
William R. Kentfield,
Charles R. Ladd,
Noah D. Ladd,
George Y. Learned,
Willard Lewis,
Edward McCleave,
Thomas J. Morgan,
C. D. Morse,
Lewis R. Norton,
Hiram Packard,
John B. Parker,
J. Winslow Peirce,
Henry W. Phelps,
Willard P. Phillips,
William C. Plunkett,
William Roberts,
John Samson,
John E. Sanford,
John C. Scott,
Nathaniel Sears,
John Shaw,
A. L. Soule,
Henry Splaine,
Francis D. Stedman,
James A. Stetson,
William Stewart,
John H. Studley,
Marcus Truesdell,
Timothy W. Wellington,
James L. White,
George H. Whitman,

Messrs. Oliver Wolcott, Elijah N. Woods.
 Moses D. Woodbury,
 Total, 83.

The following named members voted for **GEORGE B. LORING** :—

Messrs. Francis R. Allen,	Messrs. Nathan S. Jenkins,
Hiram Berry,	John Perkins,
Jacob B. Calley,	Charles Perley,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	Rodolphus Porter,
Robert Couch,	George T. Ryder,
William A. Creesy,	Amos W. Shumway,
Henderson J. Edwards,	Oliver M. Stacey,
George H. Harlow,	Austin Whitney.
Total, 16.	

The following named members voted for **WILLIAM WHITING** :—

Messrs. George Bartholmesz,	Messrs. John W. Regan,
I. W. Derby,	Edward Sanford,
Charles V. Hanson,	Roger H. Scannell,
Benjamin Heath,	Henry P. Shattuck.
Lucius W. Knight,	
Total, 9.	

The following named members voted for **NATHANIEL P. BANKS** :—

Messrs. Horace C. Bacon,	Messrs. Thomas Ingalls,
Daniel A. Cronin,	Jesse E. Keith,
John E. Fitzgerald,	Andrew M. Morton,
A. J. Gove,	Hugh J. Toland.
Richard H. Humphrey,	
Total, 9.	

The following named members voted for **EBENEZER R. HOAR** :—

Messrs. Richard F. Briggs,	Messrs. John W. Hammond,
Charles R. Codman,	John B. Moore,
John Cummings,	John Shaw.
C. C. Field,	
Total, 7.	

Mr. Walter B. Allen voted for **JOHN G. WHITTIER**.
 Mr. William H. Loughlin voted for **JOHN K. TARBOX**.
 Mr. Robert Seaver voted for **JOHN E. SANFORD**.

The Speaker announced that no person had received a majority of the votes cast.

Mr. Nowell of Boston moved that the House proceed to a second vote, and the motion was carried.

The roll of the House was again called, and the following named members voted for GEORGE S. BOUTWELL:—

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
 Andrew J. Bailey,
 Nahum Bailey, Jr.,
 William Baker,
 John M. Batchelder,
 Edward A. Berdge,
 Edward L. Bigelow,
 John Bigelow,
 George B. Blake,
 Peleg Blankinship,
 Dennis Bonner,
 Horace L. Bowker,
 Richard Britton,
 Giles E. Brownell,
 Moses L. Buck,
 Jacob B. Calley,
 Adam Capen, Jr.,
 Sumner Carruth,
 Henry B. Chamberlin,
 Elijah H. Chisholm,
 Albe C. Clark,
 George W. Clark,
 Alfred A. Clatur,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 John S. Coney,
 William H. Cook,
 Robert Couch,
 Daniel A. Cronin,
 Joseph W. Cross,
 John Cushing,
 George J. Dean,
 Frederick D. Ely,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 C. C. Field,
 John H. Fisher,
 John E. Fitzgerald,
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
 Daniel C. Fletcher,
 Granville E. Foss,
 William Frost,
 Addison Gilbert,
 Charles A. Gleason,
 Stephen D. Goddard,

Messrs. Brownell Granger,
 Fitz E. Griffin,
 John W. Hammond,
 Lewis Hayden,
 Samuel S. Haynes,
 Lot Higgins,
 Samuel E. Hildreth,
 Amos Hill,
 Henry B. Hill,
 John W. Hollis,
 Charles J. Holmes,
 Lewis Holmes,
 Samuel B. Hopkins,
 David P. Howes,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Barney Hull,
 E. Atherton Hunt,
 Thomas P. Hurlbut,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Alexis W. Ide,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 Edward J. Jones,
 Jesse E. Keith,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 George A. Marden,
 Elijah Marion,
 Albert Mason,
 David Mayhew,
 Samuel W. McDaniel,
 Charles W. Morrill,
 Asa P. Morse,
 John A. Nowell,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Weaver Osborn,
 Liberty D. Packard,
 Albert Palmer,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 John Perkins,
 Calvin T. Phillips,
 Francis E. Porter,
 George Purrington, Jr.,
 Henry J. Read,

Messrs. John W. Regan, Philip H. Robinson, Stephen D. Salmon, Jr., George J. Sanger, George P. Sanger, Joseph L. Sargent, Amos J. Saunders, Isaac F. Sawtelle, Augustus J. Sawyer, Roger H. Scannell, Henry C. Skinner, James Smith, Joshua B. Smith, Zoeth Snow, Jr., Reuben G. Sparks, Franklin H. Sprague, James A. Stetson, Thomas N. Stone, William B. Stone,	Messrs. Andrew H. Sweet, Charles Talbot, James G. Tarr, William Taylor, E. Loring Thayer, Joseph A. Titus, Q. A. Vinal, William N. Walker, Rodney Wallace, Andrew J. Waters, Edward F. Watson, Tisdale S. White, William H. Whitfield, Austin Whitney, Robert R. Wiley, Henry W. Wilson, Benjamin F. Wing, Ezra D. Winslow, Samuel Winslow.
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Total, 124.

The following named members voted for HENRY L. DAWES :—

Messrs. Wales Aldrich, A. S. Atherton, Horace C. Bacon, Aaron Bagg, George W. Bardwell, James M. Barker, Elijah E. Belding, Ezekiel D. Bement, Austin W. Benton, Hiram Berry, Sanford W. Billings, William R. Black, William E. Blunt, Franklin Bonney, Bowman B. Breed, Richard F. Briggs, William H. Buck, Addison Burnett, Henry Burt, Charles V. Carpenter, Edward W. Chapin, Francis W. Clark, Charles R. Codman, George Copeland, Charles Crittenden, George G. Crocker,	Messrs. John Cummings, Ben. C. Carrier, William F. Darby, George E. Davis, Joshua W. Davis, William Dean, Seymour B. Dewey, Lewis J. Dudley, Joseph Dyer, Alonzo H. Evans, Harrison O. Field, Eustace C. Fitz, John W. Fletcher, H. M. French, Kirke E. Gardner, John Gates, Asa H. Goddard, A. J. Gove, Isaac D. Hall, Charles V. Hanson, Simeon Hardy, Austin Hawley, David P. Hatch, Benjamin F. Hayes, Francis B. Hayes, Samuel W. Heath,
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<p>Messrs. Emory A. Howard, Richard H. Humphrey, Thomas M. Judd, Geo. P. Kendrick, William R. Kentfield, Charles R. Ladd, Noah D. Ladd, George Y. Learned, Willard Lewis, Edward McCleave, Thomas J. Morgan, Asa P. Morse, Andrew M. Morton, Lewis R. Norton, Hiram Packard, John B. Parker, Winslow J. Pierce, Henry W. Phelps, Willard P. Phillips, William C. Plunkett,</p>	<p>Messrs. William Roberts, John Samson, John E. Sanford, John C. Scott, Nathaniel Sears, Robert Seaver, James B. Shaw, John Shaw, A. L. Soule, Henry Splaine, Francis D. Stedman, William Stewart, John H. Studley, Marcus Truesdell, T. W. Wellington, James L. White, George H. Whitman, Oliver Walcott, Moses D. Woodbury, Elijah N. Woods.</p>
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Total, 92.

The following named members voted for **GEORGE B. LORING** :—

<p>Messrs. Francis R. Allen, William A. Creesy, Henderson J. Edwards, George H. Harlow, Nathan S. Jenkins,</p>	<p>Messrs. Charles Perley, Rodolphus Porter, George T. Ryder, Amos W. Shumway, Oliver M. Stacey.</p>
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Total, 10.

The following named members voted for **WILLIAM WHITING** :—

<p>Messrs. Walter B. Allen, George Bartholemesz, Benjamin Heath,</p>	<p>Messrs. Lucius W. Knight, Edward Sanford, Henry P. Shattuck.</p>
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Total, 6.

Messrs. James W. Bradley and I. W. Derby voted for **JOHN E. SANFORD**.

Messrs. Thomas Ingalls and William H. Loughlin voted for **JOHN K. TARBOX**.

Mr. John B. Moore voted for **EBENEZER R. HOAR**.

Mr. Hugh J. Toland voted for **NATHANIEL P. BANKS**.

And **GEORGE S. BOUTWELL** having a majority of the votes, was declared elected on the part of the House.

After the above election, on motion of Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston the orders of the day were taken from the table.

Woman
suffrage.

The resolve providing for an amendment of the constitution, to secure the elective franchise and the right to hold office, to women, was debated at length, but was not disposed of.

On motion of Mr. Sanger of Danvers, the House Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 12, 1873.

The House met at ten minutes before 12 o'clock.

Election of
United
States sen-
ator.

At 12 o'clock by previous assignment the two houses met in convention in the hall of the House, the President of the Senate in the chair.

The records of the two houses were read by the clerks, and it appeared that the Senate had not chosen any person, and that the House had elected GEORGE S. BOUTWELL, as Senator in Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. Henry Wilson.

President Loring announced that, pursuant to a law of the United States the two branches had met in convention, and that the roll of the convention would now be called, each member being requested to announce his choice orally.

The Clerk of the Senate called the roll, and the following named members voted for GEORGE S. BOUTWELL :—

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
Francis R. Allen,
Andrew J. Bailey,
Nahum Bailey, Jr.,
William Baker,
George Bartholmesz,
John M. Batchelder,
Edward A. Berdge,
Hiram Berry,
Edward L. Bigelow,
John Bigelow,
George B. Blake,
Peleg Blankinship,
Dennis Bonner,
Horace L. Bowker,
James W. Bradley,
Richard Britton,
James Brown,

Messrs. Giles E. Brownell,
Moses L. Buck,
Jacob B. Calley,
Adam Capen, Jr.,
Sumner Carruth,
Henry B. Chamberlin,
Elijah H. Chisholm,
Albe C. Clark,
George W. Clark,
Jeremiah Clark,
Alfred A. Clatur,
Isaac H. Coe,
John B. D. Cogswell,
John S. Coney,
William H. Cook,
Daniel A. Cronin,
Joseph W. Cross,
John Cushing,

Messrs. George E. Davis,
 George J. Dean,
 Jedediah Dwelley,
 Frederick D. Ely,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 C. C. Field,
 John H. Fisher,
 John E. Fitzgerald,
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
 Daniel C. Fletcher,
 Granville E. Foss,
 William Frost,
 Addison Gilbert,
 Newell Giles,
 Charles A. Gleason,
 Stephen D. Goddard,
 Brownell Granger,
 Fitz E. Griffin,
 Martin Griffin,
 Isaac D. Hall,
 John W. Hammond,
 Simeon Hardy,
 Lewis Hayden,
 Samuel S. Haynes,
 Lot Higgins,
 Samuel E. Hildreth,
 Amos Hill,
 Henry B. Hill,
 John W. Hollis,
 Charles J. Holmes,
 Lewis Holmes,
 Samuel B. Hopkins,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Barney Hull,
 E. Atherton Hunt,
 Thomas P. Hurlbut,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 Robert Johnson,
 Edward J. Jones,
 Jesse E. Keith,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 Edward Lawrence,
 George W. Lobdell,
 George A. Marden,
 Elijah Marion,
 Albert Mason,
 David Mayhew,
 Samuel W. McDaniel,
 John B. Moore,

Messrs. Charles W. Morrill,
 Asa P. Morse,
 Newton Morse,
 John A. Nowell,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Weaver Osborn,
 Liberty D. Packard,
 Albert Palmer,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 Lloyd Parsons,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 John Perkins,
 Charles Perley,
 Calvin T. Phillips,
 Francis E. Porter,
 Rodolphus Porter,
 George Purrington, Jr.,
 J. Henry Read,
 John W. Regan,
 William Roberts,
 Philip H. Robinson,
 George T. Ryder,
 Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,
 George J. Sanger,
 George P. Sanger,
 Joseph L. Sargent,
 Amos J. Saunders,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 Augustus J. Sawyer,
 Roger H. Scannell,
 Henry P. Shattuck,
 Henry C. Skinner,
 James Smith,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 Oliver M. Stacy,
 Charles P. Stickney,
 Thomas N. Stone,
 William B. Stone,
 Andrew H. Sweet,
 Charles Talbot,
 James G. Tarr,
 William Taylor,
 E. Loring Thayer,
 Joseph A. Titus,
 Geo. A. Torrey,
 Quincy A. Vinal,
 William N. Walker,

Messrs. Levi Wallace,	Messrs. George D. Whittle,
Rodney Wallace,	Robert R. Wiley,
Henry S. Washburn,	Henry W. Wilson,
Andrew J. Waters,	Benjamin F. Wing,
Edward F. Watson,	Ezra D. Winslow,
Tisdale S. White,	Samuel Winslow,
William H. Whitfield,	David T. Woodwell,
Austin Whitney,	Carroll D. Wright.
Total, 152.	

The following named members voted for HENRY L. DAWES :—

Messrs. Wales Aldrich,	Messrs. Lewis J. Dudley,
Walter B. Allen,	Joseph Dyer,
A. S. Atherton,	Henderson J. Edwards,
Horace C. Bacon,	Alonzo H. Evans,
Aaron Baggs,	Harrison O. Field,
Prentiss C. Baird,	Eustace C. Eitz,
Joseph K. Baker,	John W. Fletcher,
Henry L. Bancroft,	Granville E. Foss,
Julius K. Banister,	H. M. French,
George W. Bardwell,	William Frost,
James M. Barker,	Kirk E. Gardner,
Elijah E. Belding,	John Gates,
Ezekiel D. Bement,	Asa H. Goddard,
Austin W. Benton,	A. J. Gove,
Sanford W. Billings,	Saml. M. Griggs,
William R. Black,	Nathan W. Harmon,
William E. Blunt,	Austin Hawley,
Franklin Bonney,	David P. Hatch,
Bowman B. Breed,	Benjamin F. Hayes,
Richard F. Briggs,	Francis B. Hayes,
William H. Buck,	Samuel W. Heath,
Addison Burnett,	Emory A. Howard,
Henry Burt,	David P. Howes,
Charles V. Carpenter,	Richard H. Humphrey,
Edward W. Chapin,	Alexis W. Ide,
Francis W. Clark,	Nathan S. Jenkins.
Charles R. Codman,	N. L. Johnson,
George Copeland,	Thomas M. Judd,
William A. Creesy,	George P. Kendrick,
Charles Crittenden,	William R. Kentfield,
George G. Crocker,	Lucius W. Knight,
John Cummings,	Charles R. Ladd,
Ben. C. Currier,	Noah D. Ladd,
William F. Darby,	Wm. H. Learnard, Jr.,
Joshua W. Davis,	Edward Learned,
William Dean,	George Y. Learned,
Seymour B. Dewey,	Willard Lewis,

Messrs. Edward McCleave,
Moody Merrill,
Thomas J. Morgan,
C. D. Morse,
Andrew M. Morton,
Lewis R. Norton,
Francis A. Nye,
Hiram Packard,
Timothy F. Packard,
John B. Parker,
J. Winslow Pierce,
Henry W. Phelps,
Willard P. Phillips,
William C. Plunkett,
Joseph S. Potter,
John Samson,
Edward Sanford,
John E. Sanford,
John C. Scott,
Nathaniel Sears,
Robert Seaver,

Messrs. James B. Shaw,
John Shaw,
Amos W. Shumway,
A. L. Soule,
Henry Splaine,
Francis D. Stedman,
James A. Stetson,
William Stewart,
John H. Studley,
Geo. F. Thompson,
John D. Todd,
Marcus Truesdell,
T. W. Wellington,
James L. White,
William Whiting,
George H. Whitman,
Oliver Wolcott,
Moses D. Woodbury,
Elijah N. Woods,
Rufus D. Woods.

Total, 115.

Messrs. Erastus P. Carpenter and George H. Harlow
voted for **GEORGE B. LORING**.

Messrs. Benjamin Heath and I. W. Derby voted for
WILLIAM WHITING.

Messrs. Thomas Ingalls and William H. Loughlin voted
for **JOHN K. TARBOX**.

Messrs. Francis W. Jacobs and Hugh J. Toland voted
for **CHARLES G. GREENE**.

And **GEORGE S. BOUTWELL** having a majority of the
votes was declared elected, and the convention was dis-
solved.

On motion of Mr. Cook of Boston the House took a
recess until 2 o'clock.

After the recess, Mr. Sawyer of Harvard presented the
petitions of John Blanchard and others, and of Thomas
Cummings and others of Harvard, for a law requiring
milk-cans to be of uniform size, and sealed; which was
referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, the petition of Henry O. Floyd
and 87 others of Winthrop, in aid of the petition of the
Boston Land Company, for leave to fill up flats, &c., and
the petition of John McClure and 112 others of Revere,

Size of milk
cans.

Boston
Land Co.

in aid of the same ; which were referred to the committee on Harbors.

Fitchburg
and Ver-
mont and
Massachu-
setts R. R.

Mr. Parker of Northborough, the petition of George C. Davis and others of Northborough, for the State to take the franchise and property of the Fitchburg and Vermont and Massachusetts Railroads and control them for the public good ; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Wrentham.

Mr. Ide of Medway presented the petition of W. C. Covell and 70 others of Wrentham, to authorize that town to appropriate money for a bi-centennial celebration ; which was referred to the next General Court, a motion to suspend the rule being lost by a vote of 94 to 37.

Army regis-
ter and na-
tional battle
flags.

Mr. Burt of Amherst, the petition of Edward Dickinson and 69 others of Amherst ; Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the petitions of J. P. Lynde and 51 others of Athol, and of John Larkin and others ; Mr. Burnett of Belchertown, the petition of C. B. Smith and 19 other voters of Granby ; Mr. Winslow of Newton, the petition of George W. Keyes and others ; Mr. Packard of Goshen, the petition of D. W. Lowell and 22 other citizens of Cummington ; and Mr. Field of Leverett, the petition of F. K. Fleming and 41 others of Wendell,—all in aid of the petition of John G. Whittier and others for rescinding and annulling the resolution of censure of Hon. Charles Sumner, passed by the last legislature. Mr. Hoyt of Athol, the remonstrance of F. F. Fay 118 other old soldiers and citizens of Athol, against rescinding the above. These petitions were severally placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

E. B. Per-
kins.

The petition of E. B. Perkins for leave to extend a wharf in Salem, came down from the Senate, non-concurred in. The House refused to recede from its former reference to the committee on Harbors, and on motion of Mr. Cook of Boston, the petition was laid upon the table.

Bills :

South Had-
ley Falls
water sup-
ply.
Lynn Gas
Light Co.
City of Hol-
yoke.
Lenox
Academy.

In addition to an act to supply the village of South Hadley Falls with water ;

To amend the charter of the Lynn Gas Light Company ;

To establish the city of Holyoke ;

Authorizing the trustees of Lenox Academy to sell real estate ;

Concerning the election of superintendents of public schools ;

Superintendents of public schools.

Which had severally been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, and were read and ordered to a second reading.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the clerks of the two branches notify His Excellency the Governor that George S. Boutwell of Groton, has been duly elected by the Legislature a Senator in the Congress of the United States, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Henry Wilson.

United States senator.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Probate and Chancery (inexpedient) on the order relative to providing by law a uniform system for the classification and filing of documents and papers in the custody of the registers of probate and chancery was accepted.

The reports of the

Committee on Agriculture (leave to withdraw) on the petition of C. B. Metcalf and others, for legislation for the extermination of the Canada thistle ; and the

Committee on Claims (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Elizabeth Martindale, for state aid ;

Were accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve in favor of Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize Cook Borden to construct a wharf in Fall River ;

To authorize the Union Wharf Company to extend their wharf at Vineyard Haven ;

To authorize Warren Ordway to construct a wharf in Haverhill ;

To prohibit fast driving on free bridges over the Connecticut River ;

To authorize the Wamesit Power Company to enter into mutual insurance with other corporations ;

Concerning the Worcester and Shrewsbury Railroad Company ;

To authorize the Hopkinton Railroad Company to extend its railroad and mortgage the same ;

To authorize the Lowell Horse Railroad Company to

add its earnings expended in construction, equipment and real estate, to its capital stock;

To extend the time for laying out a highway and constructing a bridge across Merrimack River in Tyngsborough;

To amend the act of 1869 relating to the Pawnors' Bank of Boston;

To authorize James Ritchie to construct a wharf in Dartmouth;

To incorporate the Boston Commercial Building Company;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve concerning the condition of affairs in Spain was amended, on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge the bill to amend chapter 53 of the acts of 1872, entitled an act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston the report of the committee on Insurance (inexpedient) on the order relative to modifying the law concerning the tax on bank shares held by insurance companies, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Woman suffrage.

The resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution to secure the elective franchise and the right to hold office to women was debated and a vote was reached at 20 minutes before 4 o'clock, Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge calling for the yeas and nays on the question.

The roll was called and there were 83 yeas and 141 nays, and the resolve was rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Walter B. Allen,	Messrs. William H. Buck,
William Baker,	Adam Capen, Jr.,
George W. Bardwell,	Charles V. Carpenter,
Hiram Berry,	John B. D. Cogswell,
Edward L. Bigelow,	John S. Coney,
William R. Black,	Joseph W. Cross,
George B. Blake,	John Cushing,
William E. Blunt,	Joshua W. Davis,
Franklin Bonney,	Seymour B. Dewey,
Horace L. Bowker,	Lewis J. Dudley,
James W. Bradley,	Joseph Dyer,
Bowman B. Breed,	Henderson J. Edwards,
Richard F. Briggs,	Frederick D. Ely,

<p>Messrs. George O. Fairbanks, C. C. Field, Harrison O. Field, Eustace C. Fitz, John E. Fitzgerald, John W. Fletcher, John Gates, Addison Gilbert, Stephen D. Goddard, Isaac D. Hall, George H. Harlow, David P. Hatch, Lewis Hayden, Francis B. Hayes, Samuel S. Haynes, Amos Hill, Henry B. Hill, Charles J. Holmes, David P. Howes, E. Atherton Hunt, Richardson Hutchinson, Nathan S. Jenkins, Jonathan Johnson, Edward J. Jones, Charles R. Ladd, Noah D. Ladd, Almond R. Lancaster, George A. Marden, Edward McCleave,</p>	<p>Messrs. Samuel W. McDaniel, John B. Moore, Thomas J. Morgan, John A. Nowell, Weaver Osborn, Albert Palmer, William C. Parker, Jr., Calvin T. Phillips, William Roberts, George J. Sanger, George P. Sanger, Isaac F. Sawtelle, James B. Shaw, Joshua B. Smith, A. L. Soule, Reuben G. Sparks, William B. Stone, John H. Studley, Charles Talbot, E. Loring Thayer, Joseph A. Titus, Andrew J. Waters, Tisdale S. White, William H. Whitfield. Benjamin F. Wing, Ezra D. Winslow, Samuel Winslow, Elijah N. Woods.</p>
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NAYS.

<p>Messrs. John H. Abbott, Wales Aldrich, Francis R. Allen, A. S. Atherton, Horace C. Bacon, Aaron Bagg, Andrew J. Bailey, Nahum Bailey, Jr., James M. Barker, George Bartholemesz, John M. Batchelder, Elijah E. Belding, Ezekiel D. Bement, Austin W. Benton, Edward A. Berdige, John Bigelow, Sanford W. Billings, Dennis Bonner, Richard Britton,</p>	<p>Messrs. Giles E. Brownell, Moses L. Buck, Addison Burnett, Henry Burt, Jacob B. Calley, Sumner Carruth, Henry B. Chamberlin, Edward W. Chapin, Albe C. Clark, Francis W. Clark, George W. Clark, Alfred A. Clatur, Charles R. Codman, William H. Cook, George Copeland, William A. Creesy, Charles Crittenden, George G. Crocker, Daniel A. Cronin,</p>
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Messrs. John Cummings,
Ben. C. Currier,
William F. Darby,
George E. Davis,
George J. Dean,
I. W. Derby,
Alonzo H. Evans,
John H. Fisher,
T. F. Fitz Gerald,
Daniel C. Fletcher,
Granville E. Foss,
H. M. French,
William Frost,
Kirke E. Gardner,
Charles A. Gleason,
Asa H. Goddard,
A. J. Gove,
Brownell Granger,
Fitz E. Griffin,
John W. Hammond,
Charles V. Hanson,
Simeon Hardy,
Austin Hawley,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Benjamin Heath,
Samuel W. Heath,
Lot Higgins,
Samuel E. Hildreth,
John W. Hollis,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
Emory A. Howard,
Barney Hull,
Richard H. Humphrey,
Thomas P. Hurlbut,
Alexis W. Ide,
Thomas Ingalls,
Thomas M. Judd,
Jesse E. Keith,
George P. Kendrick,
William R. Kentfield,
Lucius W. Knight,
Willard Lewis,
William H. Loughlin,
Elijah Marion,
Albert Mason,
David Mayhew,
Charles W. Morrill,
Asa P. Morse,
C. D. Morse,
Andrew M. Morton,

Messrs. Lewis R. Norton,
Edward O. Noyes,
Hiram Packard,
Liberty D. Packard,
John B. Parker,
Daniel A. Patch,
J. Winslow Pierce,
John Perkins,
Charles Perley,
Henry W. Phelps,
Willard P. Phillips,
William C. Plunkett,
Francis E. Porter,
Rodolphus Porter,
J. Henry Read,
Philip H. Robinson,
George T. Ryder,
Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,
Edward Sanford,
Joseph L. Sargent,
Amos J. Saunders,
Augustus J. Sawyer,
Roger H. Scannell,
John C. Scott,
Nathaniel Sears,
Robert Seaver,
Henry P. Shattuck,
John Shaw,
Amos W. Shumway,
Henry C. Skinner,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
Henry Splaine,
Franklin H. Sprague,
Oliver M. Stacey,
Francis D. Stedman,
William Stewart,
Thomas N. Stone,
Andrew H. Sweet,
James G. Tarr,
William Taylor,
Hugh J. Toland,
Marcus Truesdell,
Q. A. Vinal,
William N. Walker,
Rodney Wallace,
Edward F. Watson,
T. W. Wellington,
James L. White,
George H. Whitman,
Austin Whitney,

Messrs. Robert R. Wiley, Messrs. Oliver Wolcott,
Henry W. Wilson, Moses D. Woodbury.

Yeas, 83 ; nays, 142.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol announced that had paired with Mr. Smith of Boston, who would have voted in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Cook of Boston the House
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Porter of Beverly presented the petition of the town of Manchester to construct and maintain a causeway bridge in said town ; which was referred to the committee on Harbors, and sent up for concurrence. Bridge in Manchester.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, the petitions of E. P. Robinson and others, of J. S. and E. Wright & Co., and other business firms of Boston, and of H. B. Newhall and others of Saugus ; Mr. Allen of Lynn, the petition of William F. Johnson and others of Lynn ; Mr. Edwards of Watertown, the petition of William Shuman, B. O. Wilson and others ; and Mr. Holmes of Bridgewater, the petition of Joseph Kingman and 20 others of West Bridgewater,—all in aid of the petition of John G. Whittier for the rescinding and annulling of the resolution of censure of Charles Sumner, passed by the last legislature. Severally placed on file. Army register and national battle flags.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to suspend the 19th joint rule and admit the petition of W. C. Covell and 70 others of Wrentham, to authorize that town to appropriate money for a bi-centennial celebration. The motion was debated and carried. Bi-centennial of Wrentham.

Mr. Bailey then moved that the rule be suspended, and the motion was carried by a vote of 152 to 13. The petition was referred to the Judiciary Committee. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Bigelow of Marlborough presented the petition of Truman Wolcott and 215 other citizens of Hudson, and others in aid thereof, for the passage of a law giving laboring men a lien upon railroads so as to protect them from dishonest contractors and sub-contractors. He moved a Lien upon railroads.

suspension of the 19th joint rule. The question was debated but not disposed of, Mr. Bailey of Charlestown moving to postpone the subject till to-morrow, which motion was carried.

District
court in Es-
sex County.

Mr. Clark of Newburyport presented the remonstrance of William Cushing and others of Newburyport, against the petition of E. F. Stone and others for the establishment of a district court which shall include the city of Newburyport in the district; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Berdge of Lynn,—

Labor com-
mittee.

Ordered, That the committee on Labor be authorized to visit such manufacturing cities and towns in this Commonwealth as they in their judgment may deem necessary. Sent up for concurrence.

Executors,
administra-
tors, guard-
ians and
trustees.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, on leave, introduced a bill to relieve parties affected by the acts of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees irregularly appointed or licensed, and for other purposes; which was referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Papers from the Senate.

Alfred Per-
kins.

The petition of Alfred Perkins for relief from double taxation under the bank tax act of 1872, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Bills :

Clerical as-
sistance for
district at-
torneys.
Damages
for injuries
on high-
ways.

To authorize district attorneys to employ clerical assistance ;

In relation to suits for damages for injuries on highways ;

Which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Railway
committee.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint committee on Railways be allowed further time after the 22d day of March in which to make final report upon the matters previously referred to them.

Rights of
widowers.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending the laws of the Commonwealth, so that when a married woman dies in the lifetime of her husband, seized of lands, tenements or hereditaments, her husband shall be entitled to the whole of said real estate

during his natural life. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, also reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending section 15 of chapter 90 of the General Statutes, that when a man dies, seized of lands, tenements or hereditaments, and leaving a widow but no issue, the widow in lieu of dower shall be entitled to the whole of said estate during her natural life. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Rights of widows.

Mr. Ladd of Springfield, from the committee on Insurance, reported inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to the expediency of amending chapter 375 of the acts of 1872, so that joint stock insurance companies shall be organized with a capital stock of less than \$500,000; also in regard to the amount of dividends which such company shall pay. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Joint stock companies and dividends.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported that no legislation is necessary on the special report of the Insurance Commissioner, relative to the standing and condition of all fire insurance corporations in the Commonwealth, insolvent and otherwise. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Special report of the Insurance Commissioner.

Mr. Wallace of Fitchburg, from the committee on Manufactures, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Edwin Ellis, A. G. Stratton and S. W. Lee, selectmen of Athol, for a law authorizing said town to exempt certain manufacturing property from taxation. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Exemption of taxable property in Athol.

Mr. Porter of Braintree, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of B. F. Hutchinson and others of Provincetown, asking that they may have authority to exempt from taxation an amount of property for manufacturing purposes not to exceed \$20,000. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Exemption of taxable property in Provincetown.

Mr. Samson of Charlestown, from the committee on Horse Railways, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of M. V. B. Mower and others, to be incorporated as the Lynn City Horse Railroad Company. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Lynn City Horse Railroad Co.

Mr. Winslow of Worcester, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of E. W. James and others for a law compelling the Metropolitan Railway

Commutation tickets on horse railways.

Company and the Union Railway Company to furnish commutation tickets, and to reduce their rates of fare. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Railroad station in West Stockbridge.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, from the committee on Railways, reported inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to providing for a change of location of the railroad station in the village of West Stockbridge, and the erection of new station buildings. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

New trials in murder cases.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill empowering the supreme judicial court to grant new trials in certain cases, reported that the same ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Ebenezer and Sarah W. Hale.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolve of the Senate concerning certain deeds of Ebenezer and Sarah W. Hale, reported that the same ought to pass. The resolve was read and ordered to a second reading.

Reciprocal insurance.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, reported a bill in relation to reciprocal and other taxation of insurance companies. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Regulation of mills.

Mr. Bagg of West Springfield, from the committee on Manufactures, reported a bill in addition to the acts for the erection and regulation of mills. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Eunice H. Stanwood and Mehitable F. Stanwood.

Mr. Creesy of Salem, from the committee on Harbors, reported a bill to authorize Eunice H. Stanwood and Mehitable F. Stanwood to construct a wharf in Ipswich. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Elias T. Ingalls and Alfred R. Kimball.

Mr. Wilson of Boston, from the same committee, reported a bill to authorize Elias T. Ingalls and Alfred R. Kimball to construct a wharf in Haverhill. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Lynn Gas Light Co.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to legalize certain acts and proceedings of the Lynn Gas Light Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Inland fisheries.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the same committee, reported a bill to extend the time within which actions and prosecutions, under the laws relating to inland fisheries, may be commenced. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the same committee, reported a bill to confirm an indenture between the Commonwealth and the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation. Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation.
Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Ladd of Springfield, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was recommitted the bill for the prevention of fraudulent insurance, reported that the bill ought to pass in a new draft. Fraudulent insurance.
Read and ordered to a second reading.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To establish the salary of the assistant district attorney for the Suffolk district ;

To increase the salary of the sheriff of the county of Worcester ;

To enable towns to abolish the school district system ;

Authorizing the town of Edgartown to purchase the franchise of the proprietors of Mattakeeset Creeks ;

To authorize the town of Woburn to issue additional water bonds ;

To fix the salary of the treasurer of the county of Bristol ;

To authorize the Boston and Maine Railroad to build a wharf in Somerville ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Framingham and Lowell Railroad ;

To authorize the Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company to hold real estate ;

Allowing the Fall River Orphan Asylum and the Children's Friend Society to unite under the name of the Children's Home of Fall River ;

To provide the town of Westborough with water ;

To confirm the location of the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad in the town of Framingham ;

In relation to the reports of the inspectors of the state prison ;

Relating to the Tyngsborough and Brookline Railroad Company ;

To supply the town of Natick with pure water ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

At 2.30 P. M., the House, by special assignment, considered the report of the committee on Federal Relations. Army register and national battle flags.

tions, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John G. Whittier and others, and various other petitions, for the annulling, rescinding or expunging of the resolutions passed at the last session of the Legislature, concerning the army register and national battle flags.

Mr. Smith of Cambridge moved to substitute the following resolve for the report of the committee :—

RESOLUTION to rescind a Resolution relating to a Bill pending in Congress.

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, that the "resolution relating to the bill pending in Congress, concerning the army register and the national flags," be and the same is hereby rescinded and annulled.

Mr. Stone of Wellfleet offered the following substitute :—

Resolved, That while the Legislature of 1873 decline the always delicate function of passing judgment on any act of a past Legislature, they tender to the Hon. Charles Sumner their hearty sympathies in his long and painful illness, and their grateful appreciation of his great and continued service in the cause of national freedom and progress.

The subject was debated at length but was not disposed of, it being postponed until to-morrow on motion of Mr. Ely of Dedham.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bills :

In addition to an act to supply the village of South Hadley Falls with water ;

To amend the charter of the Lynn Gas Light Company ;

To establish the city of Holyoke ;

Authorizing the trustees of Lenox Academy to sell real estate ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to prohibit fast driving on free bridges over the Connecticut River was amended, on motion of Mr. Soule of Springfield, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize Cook Borden to construct a wharf in Fall River ;

To authorize the Union Wharf Company to extend their wharf at Vineyard Haven ;

To authorize Warren Ordway to construct a wharf in Haverhill;

Concerning the Worcester and Shrewsbury Railroad Company;

To authorize the Hopkinton Railroad Company to extend its railroad and mortgage the same;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To extend the time for laying out a highway and constructing a bridge across Merrimack River in Tyngsborough;

To amend the act of 1869, relating to the Pawners' Bank of Boston; and

To authorize James Ritchie to construct a wharf in Dartmouth;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield the bill to amend chapter 53 of the acts of 1872, entitled an act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Sears of Barnstable the House Adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 14, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Whitman of Billerica presented the remonstrance of A. G. Parkhurst and 29 others of Chelmsford, against the consolidation of the Fitchburg and Lowell Railroads; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Mr. Granger of Boston, the petition of William S. Pattee and 94 others of the town of Quincy, in aid of the petition of H. N. Holbrook and others, for a bridge across the Neponset River to Squantum; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Stedman of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider the subject of making the advisory board of the state industrial school for girls full members of the board of trustees for that institution.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Fitchburg
and Lowell
R. R. Coa.

Bridge
across Ne-
ponset
River.

State Indus-
trial School.

Army register and national battle flags.

Mr. Woods of Huntington presented the petition of I. W. Winslow and 84 others, citizens of Easthampton; and Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, the petition of Moses Brown and 28 others of Tisbury, both in aid of the petition of John G. Whittier; which were placed on file.

Lien upon railroads.

Mr. Bigelow of Marlborough, the petition of Truman Walcott and 215 citizens of Hudson, for the passage of a law, giving laboring men a lien upon railroads, so as to protect them from dishonest contractors and sub-contractors, and the petition of Lorenzo F. Wood and 194 others of Clinton; of L. H. Allen and 70 others of Stow; of Charles H. White and 62 others of Bolton; and of S. E. Andrews and 50 others of Berlin, all in aid of the same; which were severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary, under a suspension of the 19th joint rule. Sent up for concurrence.

Gloucester—city charter.

Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, the petition of William H. Haskill and 702 other tax-payers of Gloucester, in aid of a city charter; which was referred to the same committee.

Papers from the Senate.

General annexation to Boston.

The petition of the selectmen of Medford and 208 other voters of that town, in aid of the bill which provides for a union of certain cities and towns with Boston; and the Petition of Edmund Train and 109 other voters of Cambridge, for the annexation of Cambridge to Boston, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

State Librarian.

The report of the state librarian, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Library.

Wakefield—bounties to soldiers.

The report of the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the town of Wakefield to pay bounties to soldiers who served as a part of the quota of said town in the recent war, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same and recommending its reference to the committee on Military Affairs, came down and was accepted in concurrence.

Standard policy of insurance.

An order relative to the expediency of establishing a uniform form of standard policies for insurance companies, came down from the Senate, and was referred to the next General Court under the 19th joint rule.

Ella J. Buxton.

A resolve in favor of Ella J. Buxton, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was referred to the committee on Finance.

Fall River Street Railway Co.

A bill to incorporate the Fall River Street Railway Company, which had been passed to be engrossed in the

Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Dudley of Northampton, from the committee on Claims reported a resolve in favor of Myra E. Record; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

Myra E.
Record.

Mr. Talbot of Dighton, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of George M. Weston, asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. The report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

George M.
Weston.

Mr. Gates of Worcester, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred that part of the Governor's address relating to the state workhouse at Bridgewater, asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. The report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Workhouse
at Bridge-
water.

Mr. Bagg of West Springfield, from the committee on Manufactures, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the town of Truro to loan its credit to encourage manufactures. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Exemption
of property
from tax-
ation in
Truro.

Mr. Whitfield of Fairhaven, from the committee on Fisheries, reported leave to withdraw, on the petition of William A. Vanderhoop and others of Gay Head for an act to protect the Menamsha Creek fishery. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Menamsha
Creek fish-
ery.

Mr. Heath of Boston, from the committee on Horse Railways, reported a bill to facilitate the further completion and equipment of the Winthrop Railway Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Winthrop
R. R. Co.

Mr. Samson, of Charlestown, from the same committee reported a bill to incorporate the Fitchburg Street Railway Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Fitchburg
Street Rail-
way Co.

Mr. Creesy of Salem, from the committee on Harbors, reported a bill to authorize the city of Newburyport to discontinue certain common landing-places in said city, and for other purposes. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Landing-
places in
Newbury-
port.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, from the committee on Railways, reported a bill to extend the time for filing the location of the Exeter and Salisbury Railway Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Exeter and
Salisbury
R. R. Co.

On motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton it was voted that the vote on the report of the committee on Federal Relations, on the petition of John G. Whittier and others and

Army regis-
ter and na-
tional battle
flags.

all questions pertaining thereto be taken at 3.30 P. M. on Tuesday next, March 18.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield it was voted that House Document No. 36, of the special session, and the bill introduced by Mr. Sumner in the Senate of the United States concerning the army register and national flags referred to in that document be printed for the use of the House.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were considered.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to amending the law of the Commonwealth, so that when a married woman dies in the lifetime of her husband, seized of lands, tenements or hereditaments, her husband shall be entitled to the whole of said real estate during his natural life, was accepted.

The reports of the committee on Insurance, that no legislation is necessary, on the special report of the insurance commissioner, relative to the standing and condition of all fire insurance corporations in the Commonwealth, insolvent and otherwise;

Of the committee on Manufactures, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edwin Ellis, A. G. Stratton and S. W. Lee, selectmen of Athol, for a law authorizing said town to exempt certain manufacturing property from taxation;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of B. F. Hutchinson and others of Provincetown, asking that they may have authority to exempt from taxation an amount of property for manufacturing purposes not to exceed \$20,000;

Of the committee on Horse Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition of M. V. B. Mower and others, to be incorporated as the Lynn City Horse Railroad Company, were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth the report of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient, on the order relative to modifying the law concerning the tax on bank shares held by insurance companies, with the substitute offered by Mr. Benton of Brookline, were referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Sprague of Framingham offered a bill as a substitute for the report of the Judiciary committee, inexpedient, on the order relative to amending section 15 of chapter 90 of the General Statutes, that when a man dies,

seized of lands, tenements or hereditaments, and leaving a widow but no issue, the widow in lieu of dower shall be entitled to the whole of said estate during her natural life. On his motion the matter was passed over and the bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Soule of Springfield offered a bill as a substitute for the report of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient, on the order relative to the expediency of amending chapter 375 of the acts of 1872, so that joint stock insurance companies shall be organized with a capital stock of less than \$500,000; also in regard to the amount of dividends which such company shall pay.

On his motion the matter was passed over and the bill was ordered to be printed.

Bills :

Concerning the election of superintendents of public schools ;

To authorize Eunice H. Stanwood and Mehitabel F. Stanwood to construct a wharf in Ipswich ;

To authorize Elias T. Ingalls and Alfred R. Kimball to construct a wharf in Haverhill ;

To legalize certain acts and proceedings of the Lynn Gas Light Company ;

To extend the time within which actions and prosecutions, under the laws relating to inland fisheries, may be commenced ;

And the resolve confirming certain deeds of Ebenezer and Sarah W. Hale ; were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To amend chapter 53 of the acts of 1872, entitled an act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations ;

To authorize the Wamesit Power Company to enter into mutual insurance with other corporations ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill authorizing the trustees of Lenox Academy to sell real estate, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Boston Commercial Building Company, was amended, on motion of Mr. Crocker from the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and as amended it was passed to be engrossed in concurrence and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The report of the committee on Federal Relations (leave to withdraw) on the petition of John G. Whittier and others, and various other petitions, for the annulling, rescinding or expunging of the resolutions passed at the last session of the Legislature, concerning the army register and national flags, was debated but not disposed of.

Mr. Soule of Springfield offered the following substitute :—

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, that without hereby expressing any approval of the bill pending in congress, concerning the army register and national flags, they decline to pass judgment on the expression of opinion by the Legislature of the year 1872, relative to that bill.

Mr. Whitfield of Fairhaven offered the following substitute :—

Whereas, The last Legislature, at its extra session, passed a resolution, meaning no doubt to express disapprobation to the resolutions introduced in the Senate by the Hon. Charles Sumner ; but in the haste of legislation, it being the last days of the session, it was so worded as to (unintentionally no doubt) lead to the belief that a censure was intended ; therefore

Resolved, That this Legislature hereby declare that the people of Massachusetts have the utmost confidence in the Hon. Charles Sumner, and approve of his course since he has been in the Senate of the United States, with the exception of the resolution in regard to the battle-flags of the army : they believe that in justice to our loyal soldiery the records of their battles should remain during the entire generation.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit these resolutions to our senators and representatives in congress.

The last gentleman who spoke during the debate, Mr. Smith of Cambridge, called upon the Clerk to read the 23d and 24th verses of the 27th chapter of Matthew. Before the request was complied with the subject was postponed until to-morrow on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth.

On motion of Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, the House Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 15, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Porter of Beverly presented the petition of H. F. Lee and 55 others of Manchester in aid of the petition of John G. Whittier and others; which was placed on file.

Army register and national battle flags.

Mr. Chamberlain of Boston, the petition of Henry Clay and 100 others in aid of the petition for a bridge across the Neponset River to Squantum; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges, and sent up for concurrence.

Bridge across Neponset River.

Mr. Codman of Boston, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the city of Boston to appropriate money for the relief of disabled firemen; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary, under a suspension of the 19th joint rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Disabled firemen in Boston.

Papers from the Senate.

The petitions of John F. Newton and 83 others of Boston, of Josiah A. Osgood and 163 others of Chelsea, and L. Foster Morse and 54 others of Boston, in aid of the petition to amend section 31 of chapter 384 of the acts of 1869, relating to smelt fishing, were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Fisheries.

Smelt fishery.

Under a suspension of the 19th joint rule, moved by Mr. Bigelow of Boston, it was, in concurrence,

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of establishing a uniform or standard policy for insurance companies doing business in this Commonwealth.

Standard policy of insurance.

Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, from the committee on Harbors, reported a bill to authorize Elbridge G. Kelley to extend his wharf in Newburyport. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Elbridge G. Kelley.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, also reported a bill to authorize Moses E. Hale to construct a wharf in Newburyport. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Moses E. Hale.

Engrossed bills :

Concerning accidents on railroads ;

Bills passed.

In addition to an act to establish the city of Newburyport ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed resolve, granting county taxes (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Taxation of
income.

On motion of Mr. Evans of Everett, the Senate bill to abolish the taxation of income was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Asahel P.
Squires.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth the report of the committee on Claims (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Asahel P. Squires, to be reimbursed for expenses and services in the arrest of the Grafton bank robbers, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Registry of
deeds for
Northern
Worcester.

On motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill the vote by which the remonstrances of F. F. Fay and 118 others of Athol against including Athol, and of John Edgell and 506 others of Gardner, against including Gardner, in the proposed new district for the registry of deeds for Northern Worcester, was reconsidered and the papers were withdrawn to be presented in the other branch.

Lynn City
Horse Rail-
road Co.

On motion of Mr. Stacey of Lynn the vote by which the House accepted the report of the committee on Horse Railways (leave to withdraw) on the petition of M. V. B. Mower and others, to be incorporated as the Lynn City Horse Railroad Company, was reconsidered, and on motion of the same gentleman the report was laid on the table.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were considered.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem the consideration of the report of the committee on Federal Relations on the petition of John G. Whittier and others was postponed until Monday.

On motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston the resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary was postponed for consideration on Monday.

The same gentleman, from the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, reported a bill to amend the charter of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sprague of Framingham, the report of the committee on the Judiciary (inexpedient) on the

order relative to amending section 15 of chapter 90 of the General Statutes, that when a man dies, seized of lands, tenements or hereditaments, and leaving a widow but no issue, the widow in lieu of dower shall be entitled to the whole of said estate during her natural life, was postponed until Monday.

The report of the committee on Railways (inexpedient) on an order relative to providing for a change of location of the railroad station in the village of West Stockbridge, and the erection of new station buildings, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Manufactures (leave to withdraw) on the petition of the town of Truro to loan its credit to encourage manufactures, was also accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To confirm an indenture between the Commonwealth and the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation ;

To facilitate the further completion and equipment of the Winthrop Railroad Company ;

To authorize the city of Newburyport to discontinue certain common landing-places in said city, and for other purposes ;

To extend the time for filing the location of the Exeter and Salisbury Railway Company ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize Eunice H. Stanwood and Mehitable F. Stanwood to construct a wharf in Ipswich ;

To authorize Elias T. Ingalls and Alfred R. Kimball to construct a wharf in Haverhill ;

To legalize certain acts and proceedings of the Lynn Gas Light Company ;

To extend the time within which actions and prosecutions, under the laws relating to inland fisheries, may be commenced ; were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill concerning the election of superintendents of public schools, and the resolve confirming certain deeds of Ebenezer and Sarah W. Hale, were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Insurance (inexpedient) on the order relative to the expediency of amending chapter 375 of the acts of 1872, so that joint stock insurance

companies shall be organized with a capital stock of less than \$500,000; also in regard to the amount of dividends which such company shall pay, was considered. When a vote was taken on the bill offered by Mr. Soule of Springfield, as a substitute, a quorum of the members did not vote, and on motion of Mr. Cook of Boston the House Adjourned.

MONDAY, March 17, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Army register and national battle flags.

Mr. Phillips of Salem presented the petition of John B. Bailey and others of Boston; Mr. Davis of Cohasset, the petition of Charles O. Ellms and others of Scituate, in aid of the petition of John G. Whittier; and Mr. Walker of Templeton, the remonstrance of E. J. Cushing and 76 others, soldiers and citizens of Gardner, against said petition; which were severally placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

Detention of children after school hours.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Education consider the expediency of providing by law that no scholar in any public school shall for any cause be detained therein against his will beyond the regular school hours.

Plymouth and Sandwich R. R.

A bill to extend the time for locating and constructing the Plymouth and Sandwich Railroad, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Challenges in criminal causes.

A bill to regulate challenges in criminal causes, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Board of Trade.

The report of the committee on Insurance (leave to withdraw) on the memorial of the Boston Board of Trade, relative to settlement of losses by the fire of November 9th, 1872, came down from the Senate, and was accepted in concurrence.

Tracks of street railways.

Notice was received from the Senate by the Speaker announcing that the House bill relative to extending the location and use of tracks of street railways had been rejected by that branch.

Bi-centennial celebration in Wrentham.

The petition of W. C. Covell and 70 others of Wrentham, to authorize the town of Wrentham to appropriate

money for bi-centennial celebration, came down from the Senate non-concurred in, and on motion of Mr. Cook of Boston it was laid upon the table.

The report of the committee on Claims (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Mary E. Ramsey, for state aid, accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mary E. Ramsey.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to a more equal distribution of the constabulary of the Commonwealth. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

State constabulary.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Dexter Abbott & Co. and others, for legislation to secure the public interests in regard to the transportation of merchandise by railroad companies. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Transportation of merchandise by railroad co.

Mr. Hayes of Boston, from the committee on Harbors, reported a bill to authorize the town of Nahant to construct a wharf in said town, and for other purposes. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Wharf in Nahant.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported a bill to authorize the town of Medford to construct a bridge across Mystic River. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Bridge across Mystic River.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill in addition to chapter 206 of the acts of the year 1860, relating to public warehouses. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Public warehouses.

Mr. Parker of New Bedford offered the following :

Ordered, That the committee on Labor be requested to consider the expediency of enacting a law prohibiting manufacturers from employing children under the age of fourteen years.

Employment of children in manufacturing establishments.

Mr. Parker moved a suspension of the 19th joint rule so that the order might be considered, but the motion was lost.

Mr. Parker then moved that the annual report of the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor be taken from the table; which was carried. On his motion the report was referred to the committee on Labor.

Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Mr. Smith of Cambridge moved that the vote on the report of the committee on Federal Relations on the petition of John G. Whittier and others, and the substitutes therefor, be taken on Wednesday next at 3.30 P. M.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield moved that the vote thereon be taken on Friday next at 3.30 P. M., Mr. Smith having previously moved to postpone the consideration of the report until Wednesday. Mr. Bailey of Charlestown inquired if the motion was in order, the House having decided to take the vote on Tuesday.

The Speaker ruled that it was proper for the House to adopt any order in reference to the order of business, and that the House was not bound by a vote to take the question at a given time. The previous question would be in order or the time might be extended for taking the vote.

Under the rule, while the orders were under consideration, the motion of Mr. Smith and Mr. Barker were not strictly in order but would be considered if no objection was made.

Mr. Barker's motion was lost, and Mr. Smith's was carried, fixing the time for the vote at 3.30 P. M. on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield the subject was postponed to be placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Before the subject was thus disposed of the following substitute for the committee report, offered by Mr. Hayes of Boston, was read and ordered to be printed :

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives, in general court assembled, that the legislature of Massachusetts, in declining to rescind the resolution relating to the bill pending in congress, concerning the army register and national flags, do not intend thereby to reflect upon the patriotism of the honorable Senator who introduced the bill, but to express the general sentiment of the people of Massachusetts that nothing should be done by its representatives which might seem to undervalue the noble efforts and brilliant achievements of the soldiers of Massachusetts in the late war.

The report of the committee on Insurance (inexpedient) on the order relative to the expediency of amending chapter 375 of the acts of 1872, so that joint stock insurance companies shall be organized with a capital stock of less than \$500,000; also in regard to the amount of dividends which such company shall pay, was considered. Mr.

Soule of Springfield offered a bill as a substitute for the committee report. After debate the House refused to substitute the bill, and accepted the report of the committee, which was sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary (inexpedient) on the order relative to amending section 15 of chapter 90 of the General Statutes, that when a man dies, seized of lands, tenements or hereditaments, and leaving a widow but no issue, the widow in lieu of dower shall be entitled to the whole of said estate during her natural life, was considered.

Mr. Sprague of Framingham offered a bill as a substitute for the report.

After debate, on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, the report and bill were referred to the committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to consider the expediency of legislation upon the rights of husband and wife in each other's property.

Mr. Nowell of Boston offered a bill as a substitute for the report of the committee on Horse Railways (leave to withdraw) on the petition of E. W. James and others for a law compelling the Metropolitan Railway Company and the Union Railway Company to furnish commutation tickets, and to reduce their rates of fare.

On motion of Mr. Sanger of Cambridge the subject was postponed until to-morrow and the bill ordered to be printed.

The bill empowering the Supreme Judicial Court to grant new trials in certain cases was rejected.

The report of the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William A. Vanderhoop and others of Gay Head for an act to protect the Menamsha Creek fishery, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

In addition to the acts for the erection and regulation of mills ;

To incorporate the Fitchburg Street Railway Company ;

To incorporate the Fall River Street Railway ;

To authorize Moses E. Hale to construct a wharf in Newburyport ;

To authorize Elbridge G. Kelly to extend his wharf in Newburyport ;

Amending an act to incorporate the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To confirm an indenture between the Commonwealth and the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation ;

To authorize the city of Newburyport to discontinue certain common landing-places in said city, and for other purposes ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Sears of Barnstable, the House Adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 18, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Army register and national battle flags.

Mr. Phillips of Salem presented the petition of George Washington Warren, Josiah G. Abbott and others ; and Mr. Bagg of West Springfield, the petition of H. H. Saunders and others, in aid of the petition of John G. Whittier and others ; which were placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Soule of Springfield,—

Jurisdiction of probate courts.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider what legislation, if any, is necessary relative to the jurisdiction of probate courts as to reopening accounts once settled in those courts.

On motion of Mr. Wilson of Boston,—

Illustrations of scenes of crime or domestic violence.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be directed to consider and report whether any legislation is necessary to restrain the exhibition and sale of prints and publications illustrating scenes of crime or domestic violence and bloodshed.

Papers from the Senate.

Insurance commission.

A resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to appoint a commission to examine the subject of insurance, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was referred to the committee on Finance.

Apollo Club.

The House bill to incorporate the Apollo Club of Boston, came down from the Senate engrossed, with an amendment, and was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The petition of M. W. Marsh, J. V. Fletcher and 48 other citizens of Belmont, that they may be allowed to vote on the question of annexation to Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

Bills :

To incorporate the town of Rockland ;

Rockland
and South
Abington.

To incorporate the town of South Abington ;

To relieve the town of Saugus in the support of a portion of a highway and bridges ;

Public high
way in Sau-
gus.

To incorporate the trustees of the Sigma Phi Society of Williams College ;

Sigma Phi
Society.

To amend the charter of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Boston ;

Odd Fel-
lows' Hall
Association.

Which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The reports

Of the committee on Manufactures, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Simonds Manufacturing Company for an increase of capital ; and

Simonds
Manufactur-
ing Co.

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of O. O. Johnson for payment of interest on coupons of war bonds ;

O. O. John-
son.

Accepted in the Senate, came down and were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to providing by law for warrants of attorney to confess judgment before notaries-public or any court of record. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Warrants of
attorney.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the holding of real estate in payment of debts. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Holding of
real estate
in payment
of debts.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to further legislation to bring before the courts the information as to whether the person guilty of selling intoxicating drinks contrary to law has been convicted once or more before. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Second of-
fences in
liquor cases.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to giving town constables all the power in their town that the state

Authority of
town con-
stabiles.

police have, in prosecuting and enforcing the law against the illegal traffic in intoxicating drinks. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Houses of
ill-fame.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to legislation for the strengthening of the law relative to houses of ill-fame. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Do.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending section 7 of chapter 87 of the General Statutes, so that the punishment of offences convicted thereunder, or under any branch thereof, shall be imprisonment and not a fine. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Money paid
by drafted
men.

Mr. Talbot of Dighton, from the committee on Claims, reported leave to withdraw, on the petition of Harris Gleason and others, praying that commutation money paid by drafted men may be refunded. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Belcher-
town.

Mr. Dudley of Northampton, from the same committee, reported a resolve in favor of the town of Belchertown; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

Fitchburg—
funding of
floating
debt.

Mr. Ely of Dedham from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to authorize the city of Fitchburg to fund its floating debt and to issue additional scrip, reported that the same ought to pass. The bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Fitchburg
fire depart-
ment.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill for the better organization of the fire department in the city of Fitchburg, reported that the same ought to pass. The bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Public docu-
ments.

Mr. Cronin of Boston, from the committee on Printing, to whom was referred the communication of the Secretary of the State, reported an order for printing 600 copies of volumes two, three and four of the series of public documents of the year 1871; which was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Southbridge
and Palmer
R. R. Co.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on Railways, reported a bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Southbridge and Palmer Railroad Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Union
Freight
R. R. Co.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported a bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Union Freight

Railroad Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to amend chapter 21 of the General Statutes, relative to physicians' certificates of death, reported the same in a new draft; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Physicians' certificates of death.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill authorizing the organization of corporations to be common carriers of passengers. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Common carriers of passengers.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to increase the compensation of assessors of taxes. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Compensation of assessors.

Mr. French of Springfield, from the committee on Horse Railways, reported a bill to amend the charter of the Springfield Street Railway Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Springfield Street Railroad Co.

Mr. Field of Leominster, from the committee on Education, reported a bill in addition to an act incorporating the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To incorporate the Concord Free Public Library ;

To authorize the county commissioners of Dukes County to erect a new jail ;

To authorize cities and towns to furnish pupils in the public schools with text-books ;

To amend an act relating to the Williamstown and Hancock Railroad Company ;

To authorize the Boston Sunday School and Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to change its name ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Relating to the Collateral Loan Company ;

To incorporate the Boston Commercial Exchange Building Company ;

To extend the time for laying out a highway and constructing a bridge across the Merrimack River in Tyngsborough ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

The resolve in favor of Ella J. Buxton, which originated in the Senate, was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Menamsha
Creek fish-
ery.

Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury moved to reconsider the vote by which the House accepted the report of the committee on Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William A. Vanderhoop and others of Gay Head for an act to protect the Menamsha Creek fishery. The motion was carried, and on motion of the same gentleman it was recommitted to the committee.

Lynn City
Horse Rail-
road Co.

On motion of Mr. Stacey of Lynn the report of the committee on Horse Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition of M. V. B. Mower and others, to be incorporated as the Lynn City Horse Railroad Company, was taken from the table and recommitted.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The report of the committee on Federal Relations on the petition of John G. Whittier and others, was considered.

Mr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald of Boston offered the following substitute :—

Resolved, That while condemning the proposition to remove from our national flags and army register the names of the battles which our troops engaged in during the late rebellion, that this Legislature hereby declare that the people of Massachusetts still retain the utmost confidence in the Hon. Charles Sumner.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to our senators and representatives in congress.

The question was debated at length, and was not disposed of, a motion that it be postponed till to-morrow, made by Mr. Ladd of Sturbridge, being carried.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Mary E. Ramsey, for state aid, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

In relation to reciprocal and other taxation of insurance companies ;

To authorize the town of Nahant to construct a wharf in said town, and for other purposes ;

To authorize the town of Medford to construct a bridge across Mystic River ;

To extend the time for locating and constructing the Plymouth and Sandwich Railroad ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the Lowell Horse Railroad Company to add its earnings expended in construction, equipment and real estate, to its capital stock, was amended on motion of Mr. Sargent of Lowell, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill amending an act to incorporate the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary was amended on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize Moses E. Hale to construct a wharf in Newburyport ;

To authorize Elbridge G. Kelly to extend his wharf in Newburyport ;

Were read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Horse Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition of E. W. James and others for a law compelling the Metropolitan Railway Company and the Union Railway Company to furnish commutation tickets, and to reduce their rates of fare, was considered and debated at length. Mr. Nowell of Boston offered a substitute for the committee report in an amended form. When a vote was reached a quorum of the House did not vote.

Several motions were made and lost and finally, on motion of Mr. Hayes of Boston, the House

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 19, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Splaine of Boston presented the petition of E. and A. Mudge & Co. and 220 other firms and business men of Boston, in favor of the consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel ; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Mr. Clark of Boston, the remonstrance of George H. Frost and 70 others, citizens of Dorchester, against authorizing any bridge over the Neponset River ; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

Bridge over
Neponset
River.

Bridge over
Neponset
River.

Mr. Stedman of Boston, the remonstrance of S. S. Putnam and 43 others, citizens of Neponset; and Mr. Hutchinson of Boston, the remonstrance of A. T. Stearns and others, for the same object; which were referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Hatch of Marshfield,—

Corporal
punishment
in public
schools.

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of providing by law that corporal punishment shall be abolished in the public schools of the Commonwealth.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Army regis-
ter and na-
tional battle
flags.

Mr. Titus of Worcester, presented the petition of John W. Wetherell and others of Worcester; Mr. Bement of Buckland, the petition of Samuel D. Bardwell and 54 others, citizens of Shelburne and Buckland; and Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, the petition of Benjamin F. Davis and 47 others of Enfield, all in aid of the petition of John G. Whittier; which were severally placed on file.

Mr. Titus of Worcester offered the following order, which was rejected:—

Betterment
law.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of a general law, whereby cities and towns which have accepted the betterment laws, so called, may be relieved from the operation of the same.

On motion of Mr. Ely of Dedham,—

Assistant
clerks of
courts.

Ordered, That the Judiciary committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the appointment of assistant clerks of courts in all the counties of the state in which assistant clerks are not now provided for by law, and for a second assistant clerk in the county of Norfolk.

Papers from the Senate.

General an-
nexation to
Boston.

The petition of Ira A. Bradley, James W. Foster and 198 other citizens of Malden, in aid of the bill providing for the annexation of certain cities and towns to Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

Hopkinton
R. R. Co.

The House bill to authorize the Hopkinton Railroad Company to extend its railroad and mortgage the same, came down from the Senate with an amendment, and the House concurred.

Support and
repairs of
highways.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate, on the order

relative to the assessment of taxes for the support and repairs of highways in cities and towns not assessing a separate highway tax. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to the expediency of additional legislation in regard to obtaining property by false pretenses. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Obtaining property by false pretenses.

Mr. Jones of Boston, from the committee on Prisons, reported inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to the expediency of prohibiting the taking of fees for admission to the state prison. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

State prison — admission fees.

Mr. Ladd of Springfield, from the committee on Insurance, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the expediency of amending the insurance laws, so as to require all losses to be paid within sixty days after loss. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Insurance losses.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to the size of the type with which insurance policies shall be printed. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Insurance policies.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, also reported that no legislation is necessary on the special report of the insurance commissioner, of premiums, receipts, losses, dividends, &c., of Massachusetts insurance companies, made in compliance with the order adopted at the special session of the legislature of 1872. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow..

Special report of insurance commissioner.

Mr. Gleason of New Braintree, from the committee on Banks and Banking, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Willard Sears and others, praying for incorporation as the Widows' and Orphans' Savings Bank in Boston. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Widows and Orphans' Savings Bank.

Mr. Read of Westford, from the committee on Horse Railways, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, for the passage of such laws as will prevent the suffering of horses by the overloading of cars on horse railways. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Overloading of horse cars.

Mr. Davis of Cohasset, from the committee on Agriculture, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Theo-

Sea-fowl at Tuckernuck and Muskeget.

dore Ames and other citizens of Mattapissett, relative to chasing, shooting or disturbing sea-fowl about the islands of Tuckernuck and Muskeget. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Gas and
gasmeters.

Mr. Bagg of West Springfield, from the committee on Manufactures, reported inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to gas companies and the quality of gas and gasmeters. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Do.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, also reported inexpedient to legislate, on the report of the state inspector of gas and gasmeters. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Meridian
lines in
counties.

Mr. Scannell of Boston, from the committee on Printing, reported an order authorizing the commissioner appointed by the Governor and Council to establish meridian lines in each county of the Commonwealth to report in print. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Veto power
of mayors.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to confer a veto power on the mayors of the several cities of the Commonwealth, as amended by the Senate, reported that the amendment ought to be concurred in, with an amendment thereto, striking out all of said amendment after the words "shall not apply to any city," and insert instead the words "the inhabitants of which, at the municipal election next after the passage of this act shall, by a majority of the voters present and voting thereon by ballot, determine to reject the same." The report was accepted, and the amendments adopted and sent up for concurrence.

Delta Psi
Society.

Mr. Blankinship of Marion, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Delta Psi Society of Williams College, reported that the same ought to pass. The bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

First parish
in Rowley.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill in addition to the several acts concerning the First Parish in Rowley, reported that the same ought to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Reform-
atory prison
for women.

Mr. Winslow of Newton, from the committee on Prisons, to whom was referred so much of the address of His Excellency the Governor as referred to Prisons, reported

a bill to establish a reformatory prison for women; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Bonney of Hadley, from the same committee, reported a bill to amend chapter 178 of the General Statutes, relating to solitary confinement. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Solitary
confinement.

Mr. Ide of Medway, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, reported a bill to authorize the North Parish in Weymouth to sell parsonage lands. Read and ordered to a second reading.

North Parish in Weymouth.

Mr. Ladd of Springfield, from the committee on Insurance, reported a bill to authorize the formation of companies to insure against loss or damage by breakage of plate-glass, and for other purposes. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Insurance—
plate glass.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported a bill to amend an act concerning insurance brokers. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Insurance
brokers.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, also reported a bill to amend chapter 375 of the acts of the year 1872. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Dividends of
mutual fire
ins. coa.

The same gentleman reported a bill in addition to an act to authorize the formation of insurance companies, and for other purposes. Read and ordered to a second reading.

General insurance law.

Mr. Foss of Methuen, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reported a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Stoneham Odd Fellows' Hall Association. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Stoneham
Odd Fellows' Hall
Association.

Mr. Chapin of Holyoke, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of Myra E. Record, reported that the same ought to pass in a new draft. The resolve was read and ordered to a second reading.

Myra E.
Record.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to amend the charter of the city of Springfield, and for other purposes, reported that the same ought to pass in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading.

City charter
of Springfield.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill authorizing the construction of a new state prison building, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment striking out the word "five," in the third line of the first section, and inserting instead thereof the word "three." The bill was

New state
prison.

placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Fees of
town clerks
in regard to
births.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill fixing the fees of clerks and registrars of towns or cities for registry and return of births, reported that the same ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

Providing for the preservation of fish in the pond of the Adams and Cheshire Reservoir Company (which originated in the House of Representatives) ;

To authorize James Ritchie and others to construct a wharf in Dartmouth (which originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Army regis-
ter and na-
tional battle
flags.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, the report of the committee on Federal Relations on the petition of John G. Whittier and others, was discharged from the orders of the day and considered.

After debate, which lasted till the time assigned for taking the vote at 3.30 P. M., the first question was on the resolution offered by Mr. Smith of Cambridge, which was as follows :—

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives, in general court assembled, that the "resolution relating to the bill pending in congress, concerning the army registers and the national flags," be and the same is hereby rescinded and annulled.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston the yeas and nays were ordered on substituting this resolve. The roll was called and the resolve was rejected by a vote of 48 yeas to 167 nays. The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Walter B. Allen,
Horace C. Bacon,
James M. Barker,
Austin W. Benton,
Edward L. Bigelow,
William E. Blunt,
Dennis Bonner,
Franklin Bonney,
Richard F. Briggs,

Messrs. Edward W. Chapin,
Alfred A. Clatur,
Charles R. Codman,
William H. Cook,
Charles Crittenden,
George G. Crocker,
Daniel A. Cronin,
Ben. C. Currier,
John Cushing,

Messrs. I. W. Derby,
 Lewis J. Dudley,
 Alonzo H. Evans,
 C. C. Field,
 John E. Fitzgerald,
 Kirke E. Gardner,
 Charles A. Gleason,
 A. J. Gove,
 Isaac D. Hall,
 Lewis Hayden,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Francis B. Hayes,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Lewis Holmes,
 Richard H. Humphrey,

Messrs. Thomas Ingalls,
 William H. Loughlin,
 Andrew M. Morton,
 Lewis R. Norton,
 John A. Nowell,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Augustus J. Sawyer,
 Robert Seaver,
 Amos W. Shumway,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 Henry Splaine,
 Thomas N. Stone,
 William Taylor,
 Austin Whitney.

NAYS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
 Wales Aldrich,
 Francis R. Allen,
 A. S. Atherton,
 Aaron Bagg,
 Andrew J. Bailey,
 Nahum Bailey, Jr.,
 William Baker,
 George W. Bardwell,
 John M. Batchelder,
 Elijah E. Belding,
 Ezekiel D. Bement,
 Edward A. Berdge,
 Hiram Berry,
 John Bigelow,
 Sanford W. Billings,
 William R. Black,
 George B. Blake,
 Horace L. Bowker,
 James W. Bradley,
 Bowman B. Breed,
 Richard Britton,
 Giles E. Brownell,
 Moses L. Buck,
 William H. Buck,
 Addison Burnett,
 Henry Burt,
 Jacob B. Calley,
 Sumner Carruth,
 Charles V. Carpenter,
 Henry B. Chamberlin,
 Elijah H. Chisholm,

Messrs. Albe C. Clark,
 Francis W. Clark,
 George W. Clark,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 John S. Coney,
 George Copeland,
 Robert Couch,
 William A. Creesy,
 Joseph W. Cross,
 John Cummings,
 William F. Darby,
 George E. Davis,
 Joshua W. Davis,
 George J. Dean,
 William Dean,
 Seymour B. Dewey,
 Joseph Dyer,
 Henderson J. Edwards,
 Frederick D. Ely,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 Harrison O. Field,
 John H. Fisher,
 Eustace C. Fitz,
 Daniel C. Fletcher,
 John W. Fletcher,
 Granville E. Foss,
 H. M. French,
 William Frost,
 John Gates,
 Addison Gilbert,
 Asa H. Goddard,
 Stephen D. Goddard,

Messrs. Brownell Granger,
Fitz E. Griffin,
John W. Hammond,
Charles V. Hanson,
Simeon Hardy,
Austin Hawley,
David P. Hatch,
Samuel S. Haynes,
Benjamin Heath,
Samuel W. Heath,
Lot Higgins,
Samuel E. Hildreth,
Amos Hill,
John W. Hollis,
Charles J. Holmes,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
Emory A. Howard,
David P. Howes,
George H. Hoyt,
Barney Hull,
E. Atherton Hunt,
Thomas P. Hurlbut,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Alexis W. Ide,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Jonathan Johnson,
Edward J. Jones,
Thomas M. Judd,
George P. Kendrick,
William R. Kentfield,
Lucius W. Knight,
Charles R. Ladd,
Noah D. Ladd,
Almond R. Lancaster,
Willard Lewis,
George A. Marden,
Albert Mason,
David Mayhew,
Edward McCleave,
Samuel W. McDaniel,
John B. Moore,
Thomas J. Morgan,
Charles W. Morrill,
Asa P. Morse,
Edward O. Noyes,
Weaver Osborn,
Hiram Packard,
Liberty D. Packard,
Daniel A. Patch,

Messrs. J. Winslow Pierce,
John Perkins,
Charles Perley,
Henry W. Phelps,
Calvin T. Phillips,
William C. Plunkett,
Francis E. Porter,
Rodolphus Porter,
William Roberts,
George T. Ryder,
Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,
John Samson,
Edward Sanford,
George J. Sanger,
George P. Sanger,
Joseph L. Sargent,
Amos J. Saunders,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Roger H. Scannell,
John C. Scott,
Nathaniel Sears,
Henry P. Shattuck,
John Shaw,
Henry C. Skinner,
James Smith,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
A. L. Soule,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Franklin H. Sprague,
Oliver M. Stacey,
Francis D. Stedman,
William Stewart,
John H. Studley,
Andrew H. Sweet,
James G. Tarr,
E. Loring Thayer,
Joseph A. Titus,
Q. A. Vinal,
William N. Walker,
Rodney Wallace,
Andrew J. Waters,
Edward F. Watson,
T. W. Wellington,
James L. White,
Tisdale S. White,
William H. Whitfield,
George H. Whitman,
Robert R. Wiley,
Henry W. Wilson,

Messrs. Benjamin F. Wing, Messrs. Oliver Wolcott,
Ezra D. Winslow, Moses D. Woodbury.
Samuel Winslow,

Yeas, 48 ; nays, 167.

The substitutes offered by Mr. Stone of Wellfleet and by Mr. Whitfield of Fairhaven were withdrawn.

The substitutes offered by Mr. Soule of Springfield, by Mr. Hayes of Boston and by Mr. Thomas F. Fitz Gerald of Boston were rejected.

The motion made by Mr. Abbott of Malden to indefinitely postpone the subject, was lost by a vote of 23 to 130.

The report of the committee, leave to withdraw, was then accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

The substitute offered by Mr. Nowell of Boston for the report of the committee on Horse Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition of E. W. James and others for a law compelling the Metropolitan Railway Company and the Union Railway Company to furnish commutation tickets, and to reduce their rates of fare, was rejected. The report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The reports of the committee on the Judiciary,

Inexpedient, on the order relative to providing by law for warrants of attorney to confess judgment before notaries-public or any court of record ;

Inexpedient, on the order relative to giving town constables all the power in their town that the state police have, in prosecuting and enforcing the law against the illegal traffic of intoxicating drinks ;

Inexpedient, on the order relative to the holding of real estate in payment of debt ;

Inexpedient on the order relative to further legislation to bring before the courts the information as to whether the person guilty of selling intoxicating drinks contrary to law has been convicted once or more before ;

Inexpedient, on the order relative to a more equal distribution of the constabulary of the Commonwealth ;

Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Harris Gleason and others, praying that commutation money paid by drafted men may be refunded, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The reports

Of the committee on Manufactures, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Simonds Manufacturing Company for an increase of capital; and

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of O. O. Johnson for payment of interest on coupons of war bonds;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

For the prevention of fraudulent insurance;

In addition to chapter 206 of the acts of the year 1860, relating to public warehouses;

To amend chapter 21 of the General Statutes, relative to physicians' certificates of death;

Authorizing the organization of corporations to be common carriers of passengers;

To amend the charter of the Springfield Street Railway Company;

To authorize the city of Fitchburg to fund its floating debt, and to issue additional scrip;

For the better organization of the fire department in the city of Fitchburg;

To amend the charter of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Boston;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To establish the city of Holyoke;

In addition to the acts for the erection and regulation of mills;

To authorize the town of Nahant to construct a wharf in said town, and for other purposes;

To authorize the town of Medford to construct a bridge across Mystic River;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To incorporate the Fall River Street Railway;

To extend the time for locating and constructing the Plymouth and Sandwich Railroad;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill in addition to an act to supply the village of South Hadley Falls with water, was considered. Amendments offered by Mr. Crocker of Boston, from the com-

mittee on Bills in the Third Reading, were adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Pending the consideration of the report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Asahel P. Squires, to be reimbursed for expenses and services in the arrest of the Grafton bank robbers,

On motion of Mr. Plunkett of Adams, the House Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 20, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Granger of Boston presented the petitions of John J. Glover and 46 others of Quincy; of H. B. Brown and 39 others of Quincy; of A. Pope and 32 others, and of A. W. Baker and 36 others of Boston, all in aid of the petition of H. N. Holbrook and others, for a bridge across the Neponset River at Squantum; which were severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Bridge
across Ne-
ponset
River.

Mr. Truesdell of West Stockbridge, the remonstrance of George W. Kniffin and others of West Stockbridge, against the consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, the petition of the school committee of Gay Head, for an appropriation of \$100 for the support of schools for the present year; which was referred to the committee on Education.

Schools at
Gay Head.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of David H. Bates and 100 other citizens of Braintree, in favor of a consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel Line of railroads, as recommended by His Excellency the Governor, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

The report of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Boston Deaf and Dumb Library and Lyceum Association for state aid, accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Boston Deaf
and Dumb
Association.

A bill to extend the time for the location of the Plymouth County Railroad; which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Plymouth
County
Railroad.

On motion of Mr. Patch of Boston,—

Assessors'
returns.

Ordered, That the tax commissioner furnish for the information of the Legislature the facts called for and returned under the provisions of chapter 76 of the acts of 1870, so far as they relate to the year 1872. Sent up for concurrence.

Education-
al appropri-
ation bill.

Mr. Sanger of Danvers, from the committee on Education, to whom was referred the report of the board of education, reported a bill making appropriations from the income of certain funds, and also from the moiety of the income of the school fund applicable to educational purposes; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

Annuities to
certain judi-
cial officers.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to provide for payments of annuities to certain judicial officers after retirement from office; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

School ship
George M.
Barnard.

Mr. Morse of Cambridge, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the order relative to the return to George M. Barnard of a portion of the proceeds of the sale of the school ship George M. Barnard, asked to be discharged from further consideration of the same. The report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Boston—
city commit-
tee on pav-
ing.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending the charter of the city of Boston in reference to making the committee on paving a joint committee. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Boston—
city commit-
tee on sew-
ers.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending the charter of the city of Boston so that the committee on sewers may be a joint committee. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Betterment
law.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to amending chapter 382 of the acts of 1871, in relation to betterments. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Asylum for
insane in-
ebriates.

Mr. Toland of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the petition of F. O. Dewey and others for the establishment of a reformatory institution for persons becoming insane from intemperate habits, reported that the same be referred to the next General Court. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Billings of Sharon, from the committee on Education, reported a bill to amend section 34 of chapter 38 of the General Statutes. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Compensation of school committees.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill in relation to assistant clerks of courts. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Assistant clerks of courts.

Mr. Moore of Concord, from the committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the communication from the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, reported a bill concerning commercial fertilizers. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Commercial fertilizers.

Mr. Phelps of Springfield, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reported a bill in addition to an act concerning the Brookline Gas Light Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Brookline Gas Co.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, from the committee on Railways, reported a bill to authorize the town of Holyoke to take and hold additional shares of the capital stock of the Holyoke and Westfield Railroad Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Holyoke & Westfield R. R. Co.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to further provide for assessing the expense of relocating a highway. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Relocating of highways.

Mr. Jones of Boston, from the committee on Prisons, reported a bill relating to the management of lock-ups. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Management of lock-ups.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

Concerning the Worcester and Shrewsbury R. R. Co. ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Concerning the election of superintendents of schools ;

To amend the charter of the Lynn Gas Light Company ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

The resolve confirming certain deeds of Ebenezer and Sarah W. Hale (which originated in the Senate) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Woods of Huntington offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That while we adhere to the principle that the laborer is worthy of his hire, and that public servants should be amply remunerated for their services, we at the

Salary of congressmen.

same time hereby express our unqualified disapprobation of the recent act of Congress by which the salary of its members is increased, so far as said act is retroactive in its effect, and we regret that any representative in said Congress from this Commonwealth should have aided the passage of such act, either by vote or voice.

Mr. Sears of Barnstable moved that the resolution be indefinitely postponed, but at the request of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield and Mr. Winslow of Newton, the resolve was laid over for consideration to-morrow.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The report of the committee on Claims (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Asahel P. Squires, to be reimbursed for expenses and services in the arrest of the Grafton bank robbers was considered, and after debate a resolve offered by Mr. Plunkett of Adams was substituted for the report, and ordered to a second reading.

The reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

Inexpedient, on the order relative to legislation for the strengthening of the law relative to houses of ill-fame ;

Inexpedient, on the order relative to the assessment of taxes for the support and repairs of highways in cities and towns not assessing a separate highway tax ;

Inexpedient, on the order relative to the expediency of additional legislation in regard to obtaining property by false pretenses ;

Were severally accepted.

The reports :

Of the committee on Prisons (inexpedient) on an order relative to the expediency of prohibiting the taking of fees for admission to the State Prison ;

Of the committee on Insurance (inexpedient) on the order relative to the expediency of amending the insurance laws, so as to require all losses to be paid within sixty days after loss ;

Of the committee on Insurance (inexpedient) on an order relative to the size of the type with which insurance policies shall be printed ;

Of the committee on Insurance (that no legislation is necessary) on the special report of the Insurance Commissioner, of premiums, receipts, losses, dividends, &c., of Massachusetts insurance companies, made in compliance with the order adopted at the special session of the legislature of 1872 ;

Of the committee on Banks and Banking (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Willard Sears and others, praying for incorporation as the Widows' and Orphans' Savings Bank in Boston;

Of the committee on Agriculture (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Theodore Ames and other citizens of Mattapoisett, relative to chasing, shooting or disturbing sea-fowl about the islands of Tuckernuck and Muskeget;

Of the committee on Manufactures (inexpedient) on an order relative to gas companies and the quality of gas and gasmeters;

Of the same committee on Manufactures (inexpedient) on the report of the State inspector of gas and gasmeters;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

On the Senate bill to abolish the taxation of income, Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth had raised the point of order, "whether, it being a money bill, it was competent for the Senate to originate it."

The Speaker made the following ruling upon the subject:—

The constitution provides (chapter 1, section 3, article 7,) that "all money bills shall originate in the House of Representatives." The gentleman from Yarmouth [Mr. Cogswell] objects that this bill is a money bill, and cannot therefore originate in the Senate.

The objection is seasonably taken, upon the first reading of the bill. It is not intended to intimate that it might not be taken at a later stage.

The question is one involving the privileges of the House, and might therefore be raised as a question of privilege; but it may also be raised as against order. It is not within the province of the Chair to decide upon the constitutionality of a bill, as regards its legal effect; but where the constitution lays down a rule of legislative procedure, no rule can be more binding on the two branches of the Legislature. If objection is made that a motion or a bill contravenes such rule, it becomes the duty of the Chair to pass upon the question as one of order, subject, of course, to ultimate decision by the House, if appeal is taken.

The constitution, for example, requires that the question of passing a bill over the veto of the Governor shall be taken by the yeas and nays; that not less than one hundred members of the House shall constitute a quorum for

doing business; and that the House shall not adjourn exceeding two days at a time. A question may be raised whether any proposed action of the House is in violation of these rules, and the chair must rule upon it as a question of order. So, if objection is made that a bill which has originated in the Senate, is a "money bill," which can originate only in the House, it is a question for the Chair to pass upon, precisely as if it were a question arising under the rules expressly adopted by the House for its government.

The bill in question is entitled "An act to abolish the taxation of income," and, as the title indicates, repeals the existing statute which imposes a tax on income derived from an annuity, or from a profession, trade or employment. Is this a money bill within the meaning of the constitution?

There are only two classes of bills to which, upon any construction that has been suggested, the clause in question can apply: First, bills which relate to the putting of money into the treasury, namely, tax or revenue bills; and second, bills which relate to the taking or expenditure of money out of the treasury. The latter may be subdivided into (1) bills or resolves, which simply specify a purpose or object for which a sum of money is to be paid, without an express appropriation of money therefor, and (2) appropriation bills, strictly speaking, under which alone (with certain specified exceptions), money can be actually paid out of the treasury. (See constitution, chapter 2, section 1, article 11, and General Statutes, chapter 15, § 30.)

Different opinions have been held, and contrary decisions have been made by the presiding officers of the two branches, in regard to the constitutional right of the Senate to originate bills or resolves which simply contemplate the payment of money out of the treasury. The question is not here involved, and it would be unwise, as it is unnecessary, to discuss it.

But the exclusive right of the House to originate tax or revenue bills, has been uniformly maintained, and until the recent decision of the honorable president of the Senate, has never, within the knowledge of the Chair, been denied or questioned by the presiding officer of that branch. Elaborate and able opinions by President Upham in 1857 (see Hale's Debates), and by President Pitman in 1869 (see Senate Journal for that year, page 340), while main-

taining the equal right of the Senate to originate bills and resolves for the expenditure of public money, fully concede the exclusive right of the House to originate tax or revenue bills.

It can make no difference that this is a bill to *abolish* a tax. The cutting off of one source of revenue, throws a greater burden on all the other sources, and affects the whole system of taxation. It would be absurd to claim that the House is alone competent to originate the sources of supply, while the Senate may at pleasure devise means for cutting them off.

It is, perhaps, unnecessary to inquire into the reasons for incorporating this provision into the constitution. Its framers borrowed from England several features which had there been found to be in the interests of popular liberty and right. This was one of them. The exclusive right of the Commons to originate money bills had been successfully maintained for many years, and had been the means of obtaining valuable concessions to the liberty of the subject, as against both king and lords. The right was denied to the House of Lords because it was an hereditary body, created at pleasure by the king, and therefore more subject to royal influence; and such influence, once acquired, was more likely to be permanent. Such reasons never were applicable to the Senate of Massachusetts. In the constitution, as originally framed, a property qualification was required for members of the Legislature, which was three times as large for a senator as a representative. Representation in the Senate was based on the proportion of public taxes paid, while that in the House was the town system, based on the number of ratable polls. These distinctions have ceased by force of subsequent amendments. The property qualification is abolished, and representation in both branches is based alike on the number of legal voters.

If any reason remains for giving to the House the exclusive right to originate money bills, it is that this body is a fuller and more minute representation of the people, that is, by smaller constituencies; and may therefore be supposed to better understand and reflect the views and interests of the body of the people in regard to the important and delicate questions which affect the regulation of the burdens of taxation. It is certain that there has been no disposition manifested to deprive the popular

branch of the Legislature of its exclusive prerogative in regard to money bills by amendment of the constitution.

No force whatever can be given to the clause in the constitution, unless it is so construed as to give the House the sole and exclusive right of originating a tax or revenue bill, like that now under consideration. It is therefore clearly the duty of the Chair to decide that the bill, having originated in the Senate, is not properly before the House, and cannot be considered, and it is accordingly ruled out. It may be added that two similar decisions, made by the Chair at the last session of the Legislature, were acquiesced in by both branches without question.

Fortunately the subject-matter of this bill has been referred by the House to its Judiciary committee, upon whose report it will doubtless receive full consideration.

Bills :

In addition to an act to incorporate the Southbridge and Palmer Railroad Company ;

To increase the compensation of assessors of taxes ;

To incorporate the trustees of the Sigma Phi Society of Williams College ;

To amend chapter 178 of the General Statutes, relating to solitary confinement ;

To authorize the North Parish in Weymouth to sell parsonage lands ;

To amend the charter of the city of Springfield and for other purposes ;

And the resolve in favor of Myra E. Record, were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston moved to substitute a bill for the report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Dexter Abbott & Co. and others, for legislation to secure the public interests in regard to the rights of consignees, and on his motion the subject was postponed until to-morrow, and the bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bowker of Boston offered a bill as a substitute for the report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient on the order relative to amending section 7 of chapter 87 of the General Statutes, so that the punishment of offences convicted thereunder, or under any branch thereof, shall be imprisonment and not a fine, and on his motion the subject was postponed until to-morrow and the bill was ordered to be printed.

The bill to facilitate the further completion and equipment of the Winthrop Railroad Company was amended on motion of Mr. Heath of Boston, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to extend the time for filing the location of the Exeter and Salisbury Railway Company was amended on motion of Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To incorporate the Fitchburg Street Railway Company ;

In addition to the several acts concerning the First Parish in Rowley ;

The Senate bill to amend chapter 21 of the General Statutes, relative to physicians' certificates of death, in a new draft ;

To amend the charter of the Springfield Street Railway Company ;

Were severally passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to authorize the city of Fitchburg to fund its floating debt, and to issue additional scrip, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The orders

For printing 600 copies of volumes two, three and four of the series of public documents of the year 1871 ; and

Authorizing the commissioner appointed by the Governor and Council to establish meridian lines in each county of the Commonwealth to report in print ;

Were adopted.

The bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company was considered. Mr. White of Plymouth moved to amend by inserting after the word rates in the 7th line of the first section, the following :—

Provided, that nothing in this act shall be construed as affecting any legal rights of the Commercial Freight and Marginal Freight Railway Companies.

The subject was debated, and before a vote was reached on the amendment, the orders of the day were laid on the table.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, presented the petition of Messrs. William L. Burt, Ginery Twichell and Henry L. Pierce, commissioners, for the enactment of an act giving the consent of the Commonwealth to the United States for

Sub-treasury and post-office site in Boston.

the purchase of additional land in the city of Boston for the sub-treasury and post-office site; and moved its references to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown raised the point of order that the petition could not be admitted, as it came within the provisions of the 19th joint rule.

The Speaker declared the point well taken, and on motion of Mr. Sanger of Cambridge the rule was suspended, and the petition was received and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Odd Fel-
lows' Hall
Association.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown the bill to amend the charter of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Boston was discharged from the orders and recommended to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 21, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Weymouth
—railroad
memorial.

Mr. Hunt of Weymouth presented resolves concerning railroad corporations passed by the town of Weymouth at their last annual town meeting; which were referred to the committee on Railways.

Consoli-
dation of the
Lowell and
Fitchburg
R. R. Cos.

Mr. Ryder of Foxborough, the remonstrance of C. W. Hodges and 11 others, citizens of Foxborough, against the consolidation of the Lowell and Fitchburg Railroads; which was referred to the same committee.

Prison for
women.

Mr. Codman of Boston, the petition of Sarah S. Russell and 45 other women of Massachusetts, in favor of a separate prison for women; which was referred to the committee on Prisons.

Rachael
Blanchard.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, the petition of Rachael Blanchard, to be reimbursed for taxes twice paid; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Interest on
taxes.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, on leave, introduced a bill to amend chapter 146 of the acts of 1862; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Mason of Plymouth,—

Powers of
constables
and police
officers.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the service of warrants in criminal cases by constables and police officers at any place within their county.

Papers from the Senate.

The petitions of George A. Allison and other citizens of Somerville, and of J. V. Murdock, Edward E. Rice and 80 other voters of Cambridge, in aid of the bill providing for the annexation of certain cities and towns to Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns. General annexation to Boston.

The petition of George M. Washburn and 113 citizens of Quincy, in favor of a consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel Line of railways, as recommended by His Excellency the Governor, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways. Hoosac Tunnel.

A resolve relative to the appointment of a commission to inquire and report upon the best methods of constructing fire-proof buildings, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Fire-proof buildings.

The reports :

Of the committee on Claims (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Charles F. Tower, for state aid, and Charles F. Tower.

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs (leave to withdraw) on the petition of E. Tourjée and others, to be incorporated as the Newton Improvement Company, Newton Improvement Co.

Accepted in the Senate, came down and were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Military Affairs may have till April 10, to report on matters now before them. Committee reports—extension of time.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Towns may have till April 10, to report on matters now before them.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the committee on Finance, asked that further time might be granted to that committee after the 22d instant, in which to report upon matters before them; and the House voted to grant further time.

On motion of Mr. Hayes of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Harbors have further time after the 22d instant to report, as the number of subjects before them and their importance require further time for the consideration of those not yet reported upon.

Mr. Howard of Northbridge, from the committee on State Library.

the State Library, to whom was referred the report of the Librarian, reported a resolve in aid of the State Library; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

Margaret
Coggins.

Mr. Morse of Cambridge, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Margaret Coggins for state aid, reported, asking that the further consideration of the subject be referred to the next General Court. The report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Watertown
water supply.

Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of James Sharp and others, for an act to supply the town of Watertown with pure water. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

State vac-
cine institu-
tion.

Mr. Stone of Wellfleet, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions reported leave to withdraw on the petition of I. T. Talbot and others, for a state vaccine institution. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Detention of
scholars
after school
hours.

Mr. Sanger of Danvers, from the committee on Education, reported inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to the detention of scholars after regular school hours. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Collection of
taxes in
Boston.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill in relation to collection of taxes in the city of Boston, reported that the same ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Grade of
lands in
Boston.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to authorize the raising of the grade of certain lands in the city of Boston, for the purpose of preserving the public health in said city. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Lee and
Hudson
R. R. Co.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, from the committee on Railways, reported a bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Lee and Hudson Railroad Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Highland
Street Rail-
way Co.

Mr. Sargent of Lowell, from the committee on Horse Railways, reported a bill concerning the Highland Street Railway Company. Read and ordered to a second reading. A bill was presented by a minority of the committee, consisting of Mr. French of the Senate, and Messrs. Palmer of Boston, Winslow of Worcester and Samson of Charlestown, of the House.

Mr. Vinal of Somerville, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, reported a bill to supply the town of West Stockbridge with pure water. Read and ordered to a second reading. West Stock-
bridge wa-
ter supply.

Mr. Chapin of Holyoke, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill to promote the discipline of the state prison, reported that the same ought to pass in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading. Discipline of
the state
prison.

Mr. Patch of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve to aid in the suppression of contagious diseases among cattle, reported that the same ought to pass. Read and ordered to a second reading. Contagious
diseases
among cat-
tle.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To authorize Cook Borden to construct a wharf in Fall River ;

To authorize Warren Ordway to construct a wharf in Haverhill ;

To authorize the Union Wharf Company to extend their wharf in Vineyard Haven ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

The House refused to receive the resolve offered yesterday by Mr. Woods of Huntington concerning the increase of salary voted by the last congress of the United States. Salary of
congress-
men.

On motions made by Mr. Keith of Abington the bills to incorporate the town of Rockland ; and Division of
Abington.

To incorporate the town of South Abington ;

Were discharged from the orders and postponed for consideration on Wednesday next, to be placed first in the orders of the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

The reports of the

Committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient, on an order relative to amending the charter of the city of Boston in reference to making the committee on paving a joint committee ;

Inexpedient, on the order relative to amending the

charter of the city of Boston so that the committee on sewers may be a joint committee ;

Inexpedient, on an order relative to amending chapter 382 of the acts of 1871, in relation to betterments ;

Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw on the petition of the Boston Deaf and Dumb Library and Lyceum Association for State aid, was accepted in concurrence.

The amendment offered by Mr. White of Plymouth to the bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company, was, after debate, adopted by a vote of 83 to 53, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Fixing the fees of clerks and registrars of towns or cities for registry and return of births ;

To authorize the formation of companies to insure against loss or damage by breakage of plate-glass, and for other purposes ;

To amend an act concerning insurance brokers ;

To amend chapter 375 of the acts of the year 1872 ;

In relation to assistant clerks of courts ;

In addition to an act concerning the Brookline Gas Light Company ;

To authorize the town of Holyoke to take and hold additional shares of the capital stock of the Holyoke and Westfield Railroad Company ;

To further provide for assessing the expense of re-locating a highway ;

To incorporate the trustees of the Delta Psi Society of Williams College ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

For the prevention of fraudulent insurance ;

In addition to an act to incorporate the Southbridge and Palmer Railroad Company ;

To increase the compensation of assessors of taxes ;

To amend chapter 178 of the General Statutes relating to solitary confinement ;

To authorize the North Parish in Weymouth to sell parsonage lands ;

To amend the charter of the city of Springfield, and for other purposes ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve in favor of Myra E. Record, was also read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the trustees of the Sigma Phi Society of Williams College, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. Crocker of Boston, from the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, reported that the bill authorizing the organization of corporations to be common carriers of passengers, ought to pass in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Dexter Abbott & Co. and others, for legislation to secure the public interests in regard to the rights of consignees, and the bill offered as a substitute therefor by Mr. Bigelow of Boston, were debated at length.

Mr. Marden of Lowell moved the previous question. When the vote was taken it was found that a quorum had not voted.

Several motions were made and lost. Finally Mr. Sprague of Framingham moved to adjourn, and Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth called for the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered, the roll was called and the motion to adjourn was carried by a vote of 66 yeas to 24 nays. The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Walter B. Allen,
A. S. Atherton,
Horace C. Bacon,
James M. Barker,
George Bartholmesz,
Austin W. Benton,
John Bigelow,
George B. Blake,
Peleg Blankinship,
Horace L. Bowker,
Richard Britton,
Jacob B. Calley,
Sumner Carruth,
Francis W. Clark,
John B. D. Cogswell,
George G. Crocker,
Joshua W. Davis,

Messrs. I. W. Derby,
Lewis J. Dudley,
Frederick D. Ely,
Alonzo H. Evans,
Harrison O. Field,
John H. Fisher,
William Frost,
Simeon Hardy,
David P. Hatch,
Lewis Hayden,
Francis B. Hayes,
Samuel W. Heath,
Richard H. Humphrey,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Thomas Ingalls,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Edward J. Jones,

Messrs. William R. Kentfield, Charles R. Ladd, Noah D. Ladd, George A. Marden, Albert Mason, Edward McCleave, Samuel W. McDaniel, Lewis R. Norton, John Perkins, William C. Plunkett, William Roberts, Philip H. Robinson, George J. Sanger, Joseph L. Sargent, Robert Seaver, James B. Shaw,	Messrs. Henry C. Skinner, James Smith, A. L. Soule, Franklin H. Sprague, Oliver M. Stacey, Thomas N. Stone, Joseph A. Titus, Q. A. Vinal, William N. Walker, Timothy W. Wellington, Tisdale S. White, George H. Whitman, Henry W. Wilson, Oliver Wolcott, Moses D. Woodbury, Elijah N. Woods.
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NAYS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott, George W. Bardwell, Elijah E. Belding, Ezekiel D. Bement, Dennis Bonner, Franklin Bonney, Henry Burt, William H. Cook, Charles Crittenden, John Cummings, Eustace C. Fitz, Austin Hawley,	Messrs. Samuel S. Haynes, Lot Higgins, Henry B. Hill, Emory A. Howard, Willard Lewis, David Mayhew, Asa P. Morse, John A. Nowell, Daniel A. Patch, Stephen D. Salmon, Jr., Andrew J. Waters, William H. Whitfield.
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Yeas, 66 ; nays, 24.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 22, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Bridge
across Ne-
ponset
River.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, presented the remonstrance of O. T. Rogers and 25 others, against authorizing a bridge across the Neponset River to Squantum; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

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Mr. Hutchinson of Boston, the remonstrance of O. S. Godfrey and 41 others, citizens of Milton and Boston, against the same; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Bailey of Kingston, the remonstrance of A. H. Sampson and others of Kingston, against the consolidation of the Fitchburg and Lowell Railroads; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Consolidation of the Fitchburg and Lowell R. R. Coa.

Mr. Haynes of Townsend, the petition of Sarah J. Hayward of Ashby, for refunding of a bank tax; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Sarah J. Hayward.

Mr. Winslow of Newton, the petition of the town of Newton, for authority to issue bonds in aid of the Newton Cemetery Corporation; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Newton Cemetery Corporation.

On motion of Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on Water Supply and Drainage have further time to report, as the number of subjects before them and their importance require further time for the consideration of those not yet reported upon.

Time of committees extended.

On motion of Mr. Holmes of Fall River,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking be allowed further time for the presentation of reports on matters pending before them.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Soule of Springfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider what legislation is necessary relative to the confinement of persons who, being charged with the crime of murder or of manslaughter, are acquitted on the ground of insanity.

Insane criminals in cases of murder and manslaughter.

Papers from the Senate.

The report of the committee on Claims (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Charles P. Brooks, to be paid for labor on the State House, accepted in the Senate, came down and was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Charles P. Brooks.

A bill to authorize the proprietors of the first parish in Newbury to sell certain real estate, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

First parish in Newbury.

The bill to confer a veto power on the mayors of the several cities of the Commonwealth came down from the Senate non-concurred in the House amendment. The House receded from its amendment and concurred with a Senate amendment.

Veto power of mayors.

Expenses of
probate
courts.

A bill in relation to the expenses of probate courts, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Hattie
Lemly.

A resolve in favor of Hattie Lemly, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Ordered, In concurrence, that further time, until the 10th of April, be allowed to joint committees to report upon matters referred to them.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Liquor Law be allowed until Wednesday, the 26th instant, to report upon matters in their hands.

Corporal
punishment
in public
schools.

The order relative to the abolition of corporal punishment in the public schools, came down from the Senate, endorsed "non-concurred." On motion of Mr. Cook of Boston, it was laid upon the table.

Affairs in
Spain.

The Speaker announced that he had received notice from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House resolve concerning the condition of affairs in Spain.

Old Colony
R. R. Co.

A bill to authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to construct a branch railroad in Barnstable, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Mason of Plymouth,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery be granted until April 1st to report upon matters heretofore referred to them.

On motion of Mr. Abbott of Malden,—

Ordered, That the committee on Roads and Bridges be granted further time in which to report to the House matters referred to them, which, for reasons beyond their control, they have been unable to duly consider and report at the time specified by the vote of the House. Sent up for concurrence.

Deep Bot-
tom tribe of
Indians.

Mr. Stedman of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the petition of W. F. Durgin, reported a resolve in favor of the Deep Bottom Tribe of Indians; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

Walter and
Francis
Shanly.

Mr. Plunkett of Adams, from the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, reported

a resolve in favor of Walter and Francis Shanly; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Paul Giddings of Amesbury for state aid, reported that the same be referred to the next General Court. The report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to legislation to secure the refunding of money paid by drafted men in the years 1861 and 1862. The report was accepted.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Apollo Club of Boston, reported that the House ought to concur in the Senate amendments thereto. The bill was placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on an order to inquire whether any legislation is necessary to restrain the exhibition and sale of prints and publications illustrating scenes of crime or domestic violence and bloodshed.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the same committee, reported inexpedient on an order relative to making the seventeenth day of June a legal holiday in this Commonwealth.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Isaac Lamson Gilman, for a change of name.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the inhabitants of the town of Acton, that the vote of the town relating to bounty for reenlistment may be legalized.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the same committee, reported that no legislation is necessary on the abstracts of certificates of corporations, of the returns of the registers of deeds, and of the returns of the sheriffs.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of P. W. Smith and others, for the enactment of a law as to male night-walkers.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the same committee; reported inexpedient to legislate on an order providing by law that drains and common sewers in cities and towns may become the property of the cities and towns in which they are located.

Henry Emery and the liquor law.

Mr. Marden of Lowell, from the joint special committee, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Emery of Lowell, for an investigation of the manner in which the liquor law is enforced and the action of certain trial justices and state constables, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Religious, charitable and educational associations.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to amend chapter 32 of the General Statutes, relative to associations for religious, charitable and educational purposes.

Woburn water supply.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the same committee, reported a bill to amend section 5 of chapter 307 of the acts of the year 1871, entitled an act to supply the town of Woburn with pure water.

Boston—regulation of elections.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the city of Boston for the passage of an act to change the mode of preparing voting lists in said city, the petition of W. A. Simmons and others for revising of the election laws, of D. D. Kelley and others, in regard to the laws concerning voting, and the order relative to corruption and frauds at the ballot box, reported a bill regulating the elections in the city of Boston.

Easements.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported a bill relating to easements.

Milk and milk-cans.

Mr. Perley of Boxford, from the committee on Agriculture, reported a bill concerning the purchasing of milk and the size of milk-cans.

City of Gloucester.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to establish the city of Gloucester.

Eastern and Norwich and Worcester Railroad Cos.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the same committee, to whom was referred the report of the Attorney-General, reported a resolve authorizing the Attorney-General to discontinue legal proceedings against the Eastern and Norwich and Worcester Railroad Companies in certain cases.

State Industrial School for Girls.

Mr. Stedman of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, reported a bill relating to the board of trustees and the advisory board of the State Industrial School for Girls.

The bills and resolve were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill to incorporate the Sigma Phi Society of Williams College was passed to be engrossed. After debate the motion was lost. Sigma Phi Society.

On motion of Mr. Splaine of Boston, the resolve in favor of Murdoch Matheson was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for Monday. Murdoch Matheson.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

The reports :

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions (reference to the next General Court) on the petition of F. O. Dewey and others for the establishment of a reformatory institution for persons becoming insane from intemperate habits ;

Of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage (leave to withdraw) on the petition of James Sharp and others, for an act to supply the town of Watertown with pure water ;

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions (leave to withdraw) on the petition of I. T. Talbot and others, for a state vaccine institution ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The reports :

Of the committee on Claims (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Charles F. Tower, for state aid ;

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs (leave to withdraw) on the petition of E. Tourjée and others, to be incorporated as the Newton Improvement Company ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Dexter Abbott & Co. and others, for legislation to secure the public interests in regard to the rights of consignees, was considered, and the bill offered by Mr. Bigelow of Boston, entitled, "An act in relation to railroad corporations transporting merchandise for hire," was substituted for the report and ordered to a second reading.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary (inexpedient) on the order relative to amending section 7 of chapter 87 of the General Statutes, so that the punishment of offences convicted thereunder, or under any branch thereof, shall be imprisonment and not a fine, was debated at length, Mr. Bowker of Boston offering as a

substitute therefor a "bill to punish the keeping of houses of ill-fame and gaming-houses by imprisonment only."

Mr. Bardwell of Deerfield moved the previous question, which was carried, and on motion of Mr. Hatch of Marshfield the yeas and nays were ordered. The roll was called, and the bill was substituted for the report of the committee by a vote of 110 yeas to 29 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Francis R. Allen,	Messrs. Charles A. Gleason,
Walter B. Allen,	Asa H. Goddard,
William Baker,	A. J. Gove,
George W. Bardwell,	Simeon Hardy,
Elijah E. Belding,	George H. Harlow,
Ezekiel D. Bement,	Austin Hawley,
Austin W. Benton,	David P. Hatch,
Edward A. Berdge,	Francis B. Hayes,
Hiram Berry,	Samuel S. Haynes,
Edward L. Bigelow,	Samuel E. Hildreth,
Sanford W. Billings,	Amos Hill,
Peleg Blankinship,	Henry B. Hill,
Franklin Bonney,	Charles J. Holmes,
Horace L. Bowker,	Richard H. Humphrey,
Bowman B. Breed,	Thomas P. Hurlbut,
Richard Britton,	Richardson Hutchinson,
Moses L. Buck,	Thomas Ingalls,
Henry Burt,	Nathan S. Jenkins,
Jacob B. Calley,	Jonathan Johnson,
Adam Capen, Jr.,	Edward J. Jones,
Sumner Carruth,	Noah D. Ladd,
Henry B. Chamberlin,	Willard Lewis,
Albe C. Clark,	Samuel W. McDaniel,
John S. Coney,	C. D. Morse,
William A. Creesy,	Andrew M. Morton,
Charles Crittenden,	John A. Nowell,
John Cushing,	Edward O. Noyes,
George E. Davis,	Weaver Osborn,
Joshua W. Davis,	Albert Palmer,
Lewis J. Dudley,	William C. Parker, Jr.,
Joseph Dyer,	Daniel A. Patch,
George O. Fairbanks,	John Perkins,
Harrison O. Field,	Charles Perley,
John H. Fisher,	William C. Plunkett,
John W. Fletcher,	Francis E. Porter,
William Frost,	Rodolphus Porter,
Kirke E. Gardner,	J. Henry Read,
John Gates,	Philip H. Robinson,
Addison Gilbert,	Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,

Messrs. John Samson,
Edward Sanford,
George P. Sanger,
Joseph L. Sargent,
Amos J. Saunders,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
John Shaw,
Amos W. Shumway,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Franklin H. Sprague,
Oliver M. Stacey,
Francis D. Stedman,
Thomas N. Stone,
William B. Stone,
John H. Studley,

Messrs. Charles Talbot,
E. Loring Thayer,
Hugh J. Toland,
Marcus Truesdell,
Quincy A. Vinal,
William N. Walker,
Andrew J. Waters,
T. W. Wellington,
William H. Whitfield,
George H. Whitman,
Austin Whitney,
Henry W. Wilson,
Ezra D. Winslow,
Samuel Winslow,
Moses D. Woodbury,
Elijah N. Woods.

NAYS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
Horace C. Bacon,
Nahum Bailey, Jr.,
James M. Barker,
George Bartholemesz,
George B. Blake,
William E. Blunt,
Charles R. Codman,
John B. D. Cogswell,
William H. Cook,
George G. Crocker,
I. W. Derby,
John E. Fitzgerald,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
John W. Hammond,

Messrs. Benjamin Heath,
E. Atherton Hunt,
George A. Marden,
Albert Mason,
George T. Ryder,
Nathaniel Sears,
Robert Seaver,
Henry C. Skinner,
Joshua B. Smith,
A. L. Soule,
Henry Splaine,
James G. Tarr,
William Taylor,
Joseph A. Titus.

Yeas, 110; nays, 29.

The bill in relation to the collection of taxes in the city of Boston was rejected.

Bills:

In addition to an act incorporating the Massachusetts Institute of Technology;

In addition to an act to incorporate the Lee and Hudson Railroad Company;

To supply the town of West Stockbridge with pure water;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve to aid in the suppression of contagious diseases among cattle, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To further provide for assessing the expense of re-locating a highway ;

To incorporate the trustees of the Delta Psi Society of Williams College ;

In addition to an act to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company ;

In addition to an act concerning the Brookline Gas Light Company ;

To authorize the town of Holyoke to take and hold additional shares of the capital stock of the Holyoke and Westfield Railroad Company ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

For the better organization of the fire department in the city of Fitchburg ;

Fixing the fees of clerks and registrars of towns or cities for registry and return of births ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, March 24, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Board of
Education.

Mr. Billings of Sharon, presented the petition of A. J. Bartholomew and 45 others, superintendents of schools, members of school committees and friends of education, in aid of the order increasing the powers, duties and members of the board of education ; which was referred to the committee on Education.

Annexation
of Dudley to
Webster.

Mr. Waters of Webster, the remonstrance of C. F. Titcomb and others of Dudley, against the annexation of that town to Webster ; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

These petitions were sent up for concurrence.

Barnstable.

Mr. Sears of Barnstable, introduced a bill to legalize acts of the town of Barnstable ; which was admitted under a suspension of the 19th joint rule and referred to the committee on the Judiciary and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Abbott of Malden,—

Ordered, That hereafter on a motion to adjourn, and when upon a count of the House it appears that a quorum is not present, a roll call of the members shall immediately be taken.

Quorum of the House.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be allowed further time to report upon the matters referred to them.

Judiciary committee.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

To amend the charter of the city of Worcester ;

To authorize the city of Worcester to lay out a public park ;

Worcester—city charter.
Worcester—public park.

Which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills :

In relation to insurance companies ;

To amend an act in relation to the Holyoke and Northampton Boom and Lumber Company ;

Insurance companies.
Holyoke & Northampton Boom & Lumber Co.

Which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and ordered to a second reading.

The reports

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient, on the order relative to burning of wrecks, or the setting up of false beacon lights on the coast of Massachusetts ;

Burning of wrecks and false beacon lights.

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John Glancy, for compensation for goods purchased of the state, and seized by the United States revenue officers ; and

John Glancy.

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient, on the order relative to amending section 29 of chapter 415 of the acts of 1869, concerning the keeping of liquors by chemists, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Liquors sold by chemists.

Mr. Watson of Lowell, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the construction of a branch track in Lowell by the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation, reported that the same ought not to pass.

Boston and Lowell Railroad Co.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw, on the petition of Daniel Hussey and

Extension of railroad tracks in Lowell.

others, for authority for an extension of railroad tracks in Lowell. Read and placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

David and
Ebenezer
Smith.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of David and Ebenezer Smith, for authority to construct a railroad in Newburyport, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw because the object desired could be attained under general laws. Read and placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

Middlesex
R. R. Co.

Mr. Darby of Adams, from the committee on Horse Railways, reported a bill to allow the Middlesex Railroad Company to obtain additional locations of its tracks. Read and ordered to a second reading. A minority report and bill were presented, signed by Messrs. Palmer of Boston, Samson of Charlestown and Winslow of Worcester.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The reports

Of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the inhabitants of the town of Acton, that the vote of the town relating to bounty for reenlistment may be legalized;

Of the same committee, inexpedient, on an order relative to making the seventeenth day of June a legal holiday in this Commonwealth;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Isaac Lamson Gilman, for a change of name;

Of the same committee, that no legislation is necessary, on the abstracts of certificates of corporations, of the returns of the registers of deeds, and of the returns of the sheriffs;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of P. W. Smith and others, for the enactment of a law as to male night-walkers;

Of the same committee, inexpedient, on an order providing by law that drains and common sewers in cities and towns may become the property of the cities and towns in which they are located;

Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles P. Brooks, to be paid for labor on the state house, was accepted in concurrence.

The report, leave to withdraw, of the joint special com-

mittee on the petition of Henry Emery of Lowell for an investigation of the manner in which the liquor law is enforced and the action of certain trial justices and state constables, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The House concurred in the Senate amendment to the bill to incorporate the Apollo Club of Boston.

On motion of Mr. Wilson of Boston the bill to authorize the raising of the grade of certain lands in the city of Boston, for the purpose of preserving the public health in said city, was laid on the table.

Mr. Fitz of Chelsea offered a bill as a substitute for the report of the committee on Horse Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, for the passage of such laws as will prevent the suffering of horses by the overloading of cars on horse railways; and on his motion the matter was postponed until to-morrow, and the bill ordered to be printed.

Bills :

To establish the city of Gloucester ;

In relation to assistant clerks of courts ;

Concerning elections in the city of Boston ; and

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient, on an order to inquire whether any legislation is necessary to restrain the exhibition and sale of prints and publication illustrating scenes of crime or domestic violence and bloodshed ;

Were severally postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate bill authorizing the construction of a new state prison building was amended, reducing the number of commissioners to be appointed from five to three, and as amended was ordered to a third reading.

The bill concerning commercial fertilizers was referred to the committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Cook of Boston, the title of the "bill to amend section 34 of chapter 38 of the General Statutes" was amended to read, "a bill to establish the compensation of members of school committees," and was ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Boston, the bill relating to the management of lock-ups was amended, and as amended it was ordered to a third reading.

The bill concerning the Highland Street Railway Company was considered.

Mr. Palmer of Boston moved to substitute the bill reported by the minority committee, for the one under consideration. After debate the bill was substituted and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To relieve the town of Saugus in the support of a portion of a highway and bridges ;

To extend the time for the location of the Plymouth County Railroad ;

In addition to an act to authorize the formation of insurance companies, and for other purposes ;

To amend an act to incorporate the Stoneham Odd Fellows' Hall Association ;

Authorizing the organization of corporations to be common carriers of persons ;

To provide uniforms for the officers of the State Prison ;

To amend chapter 32 of the General Statutes, relative to associations for religious, charitable and educational purposes ;

To amend section 5 of chapter 307 of the acts of the year 1871, entitled an act to supply the town of Woburn with pure water ;

Relating to easements ;

Concerning the purchasing of milk and the size of milk-cans ;

Relating to the board of trustees and the advisory board of the State Industrial School for Girls ;

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to construct a branch railroad in Barnstable ;

In relation to railroad corporations transporting merchandise for hire ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Resolves :

In favor of Murdoch Matheson ;

In favor of Asahel P. Squires ; and

Authorizing the Attorney-General to discontinue legal proceedings against the Eastern and Norwich and Worcester Railroad Companies in certain cases ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to punish the keeping of houses of ill-fame and gaming-houses by imprisonment only, was amended on motion of Mr. Jones of Boston, and as amended was ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

In addition to chapter 206 of the acts of the year 1860, relating to public warehouses ;

To authorize the formation of companies to insure against loss or damage by breakage of plate-glass, and for other purposes (amended) ;

In addition to an act to incorporate the Lee and Hudson Railroad Company ; and the

Resolve to aid in the suppression of contagious diseases among cattle ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cook of Boston, the House Adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 25, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Waters of Webster presented the remonstrances of Ira S. Rawson and 63 others, citizens of Webster, and of Henry Pratt and others of Dudley, against the annexation of Dudley to Webster ; which were referred to the committee on Towns. Annexation of Dudley to Webster.

Mr. Clark of Boston, the remonstrance of Franklin King and 52 others, against the building of a bridge over Neponset River below the present bridges ; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Bridge over Neponset River.

Mr. Wilson of Boston, the remonstrance of Pratt and Company and others, citizens of Boston, against authorizing any bridge over the Neponset River ; which was referred to the same committee. Do.

Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, the remonstrance of Stephen Flanders and 31 others of Chilmark, against the petition of Wm. A. Vanderhoop and others of Gay Head, relative to obstructions at the mouth of Menamsha Creek ; which was referred to the committee on Fisheries. Obstruction in Menamsha Creek.

Mr. Chamberlain of Boston, the petition of Benjamin H. Mann, M.D., for compensation for military services performed ; which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Benjamin H. Mann.

Mr. Hill of Boston, the petitions of Robert C. Metcalf and 154 others, of Robert R. Kent and 73 others, and of Richard Downing and 131 others, all of East Boston, in aid of the petition that the Highland Street Railroad Company may be allowed to run their cars to East Boston ; which were referred to the committee on Horse Railways. Highland Street Railroad Co.

Hoosac
Tunnel con-
solidation.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, the petition of John Cummings and 417 other business men of Boston, Lynn and Haverhill, for the consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel and connecting roads; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Consolidation of the Lowell and Fitchburg R. R. Cos.

Mr. Wallace of Fitchburg, the remonstrance of Joseph Hager and 36 others, of Westminster, against the consolidation of the Lowell and Fitchburg Railroads; which was referred to the same committee.

Do.

Mr. Dean of Freetown, the remonstrance of George R. Cudworth and others of Freetown, for the same object; which was referred to the same committee.

Railroad bridge at Lawrence.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, the petitions of John H. Bean and 64 others, citizens of Andover; of S. Q. Hersey and 190 others, citizens of Methuen, and of John R. Wellman and 66 others, citizens of Lawrence,—all in aid of the petition of Andrew J. Perkins and others, relative to changing the location of the bridge of the Boston and Maine Railroad at Lawrence; which were referred to the same committee.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Old Colony Railroad.

The remonstrance of the selectmen and 266 legal voters of Randolph, against the petition of E. W. Thayer and others of Holbrook, for a change of location of the track of the Old Colony Railroad between South Braintree and East Stoughton, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Bills :

Juries in capital cases. Abstracts of conveyances.

In relation to empanelling juries in capital cases; and

In relation to abstracts of conveyances;

Which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills :

East Parish in Randolph.

To enable the East Parish in Randolph, now Holbrook, to sell real estate;

Fifth Congregational Society of Springfield.

To legalize the acts and proceedings of the Fifth Congregational Society of Springfield, and to change the name thereof;

Which had severally been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, and were read and ordered to a second reading.

The report of the committee on Female Suffrage (asking to be discharged from further consideration of the subject) on the petition of L. Maria Child and others, C. M. Forbes and others, and the memorial of the Woman Suffrage Association, in relation to woman suffrage, accepted in the Senate, came down, and was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Woman
suffrage.

The report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions (inexpedient to legislate) on the order relative to out-door relief for certain parties, accepted in the Senate, came down, and was accepted in concurrence.

A bill to continue in force an act to incorporate the Lynn Mutual Fire Insurance Company, introduced on leave in the Senate, under a suspension of the 19th joint rule, was non-concurred in.

Lynn Mu-
tual Fire
Ins. Co.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to the expediency of amending chapter 112 of the acts of 1866. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Burial
grounds.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill to authorize District Attorneys to employ clerical assistance, reported that the same ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Clerical as-
sistance for
district at-
torneys.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to the powers of mayors of cities in voting. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Veto power
of mayors.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill in relation to suits for damages for injuries on highways, reported that the same ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Damages
for injuries
on high-
ways.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted the bill to authorize towns and cities to establish hospitals, reported that the same ought to pass in its present form. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for its second reading.

Town and
city hospi-
tals.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to regulate the fees of sheriffs for presiding over sheriffs' juries.

Fees of
sheriffs.

Mr. Kendrick of Worcester, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of C. R. Ford and others, reported a bill to authorize the laying out and

Highway in
No. Bridge-
water.

construction of a highway in the town of North Bridgewater.

Sale of eggs
by weight.

Mr. Davis of Cohasset, from the committee on Agriculture, reported a bill for regulating the purchase and sale of eggs by weight.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to inquiry into the expediency of amending section 142 of chapter 57 of the General Statutes. The report was accepted.

Miller's
River nuisance.

Mr. Hayes of Boston, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was referred the petition of George O. Brastow, Mayor of Somerville, for authority to fill the basins of Miller's River, reported that they had held a preliminary meeting, and hearing that the same subject was before the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, in another form, and that it had been heard and was under consideration by that committee, requested that the petition be referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, and that the committee on Harbors be discharged from further consideration of the subject. The report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To confirm an indenture between the Commonwealth and the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation ;

To amend chapter 53 of the acts of 1872, entitled an act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations ;

To authorize Elias T. Ingalls and Alfred R. Kimball to construct a wharf in Haverhill ;

To authorize the Wamesit Power Company to contract for mutual insurance with other corporations ;

Making appropriations to meet certain expenses authorized the present year and for other purposes ;

Relating to bonds of trustees under wills ;

To authorize Eunice H. Stanwood and Mehitabel F. Stanwood to construct a wharf in Ipswich ;

To authorize the Hopkinton Railroad Company to extend and mortgage its railroad ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To incorporate the Fall River Street Railway Company ;

To extend the time for locating and constructing the Plymouth and Sandwich Railroad ;

In addition to an act to supply the village of South Hadley Falls with water ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves :

In favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau ;

In favor of George H. Johnston ;

In favor of the town of West Boylston ;

In favor of Timothy Murphy ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

The reports

Of the committee on Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition of David and Ebenezer Smith, for authority to construct a railroad in Newburyport ; and

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw on the petition of Daniel Hussey and others, for authority for an extension of railroad tracks in Lowell ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The reports

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient, on the order relative to burning of wrecks, or the setting up of false beacon-lights on the coast of Massachusetts ; and

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John Glancy, for compensation for goods purchased of the state, and seized by the United States revenue officers ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bill to authorize the construction of a branch track in Lowell by the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation, was rejected.

The report of the committee on Horse Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, for the passage of such laws as will prevent the suffering of horses by the overloading of cars on horse railways, was considered. After debate the House refused to substitute for the re-

port the bill offered by Mr. Fitz of Chelsea by a vote of 70 to 81.

Mr. Carruth of Chelsea offered a bill to prevent the overloading of horse cars; which was substituted for the report of the committee by a vote of 79 to 77. The bill was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Wilson of Boston offered a bill as a substitute for the report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient, on an order whether any legislation is necessary to restrain the exhibition and sale of prints and publications illustrating scenes of crime or domestic violence and bloodshed. After debate the bill was substituted for the committee report by a vote of 67 to 46. The bill was read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth the bill regulating elections in the city of Boston, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hanson of Peabody, the report of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient, on the order relative to amending section 29 of chapter 415 of the acts of 1869, concerning the keeping of liquors by chemists, was amended so that the last line should read, "concerning the cider clause in the prohibitory law." The report was then postponed until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Sears of Barnstable, the bill in relation to railroad corporations transporting merchandise for hire, was postponed until to-morrow.

The bill to establish the city of Gloucester, was amended on motion of Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, and ordered to a third reading.

When the bill to allow the Middlesex Railroad Company to obtain additional locations of its tracks, was considered, Mr. Palmer of Boston moved to substitute the bill reported by a minority of the committee. The bill was substituted and ordered to a third reading.

The bill in relation to insurance companies, was amended on motion of Mr. Ladd of Springfield and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To amend an act in relation to the Holyoke and Northampton Boom and Lumber Company ;

To authorize the proprietors of the first parish in Newbury to sell certain real estate ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Crocker of Boston, from the committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported several amendments to the bill in relation to reciprocal and other taxation of insurance companies ; which were adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to amend an act concerning insurance brokers was amended on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to provide uniforms for the officers of the State Prison, was amended on motion of Mr. Benton of Brookline and Mr. Chapin of Holyoke, and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill concerning the purchasing of milk and the size of milk-cans, was amended on motion of Mr. Perley of Boxford, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill in relation to assistant clerks of courts was amended on motion of Mr. Cook of Boston and Mr. Ely of Dedham, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To supply the town of West Stockbridge with pure water ;

To amend an act to incorporate the Stoneham Odd Fellows' Hall Association ;

To establish the compensation of members of school committees ;

Authorizing the organization of corporations to be common carriers of persons ;

Relating to the management of lock-ups ;

Concerning the Highland Street Railway Company ;

To amend chapter 32 of the General Statutes, relative to associations for religious, charitable and educational purposes ;

Relating to easements ;

Relating to the board of trustees and the advisory board of the State Industrial School for Girls ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To extend the time for location of the Plymouth County Railroad ;

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to construct a branch railroad in Barnstable ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolves :

In favor of Asahel P. Squires ;

In favor of Murdoch Matheson ;

Authorizing the Attorney-General to discontinue legal proceedings against the Eastern and Norwich and Worcester Railroad Companies in certain cases ;

Were severally passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Abbott of Malden, the bill to establish a free bridge across the Connecticut River, between Springfield and Agawam, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, the House Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 26, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Gay Head
Herring
Creek.

Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury presented the petition of the selectmen of Gay Head, in aid of the petition to prevent seining within fifty rods from Gay Head Herring Creek ; which was referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Newton
Cemetery
Assoc-
iation.

Mr. Winslow of Newton, the remonstrance of John S. Farlow and 13 others, against an act authorizing the town of Newton to issue bonds in aid of the Newton Cemetery Association ; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Annexation
of Dudley
to Webster.

Mr. Waters of Webster, the petition of A. E. Day, John H. Stockwell and 234 others of Webster, for the annexation of Dudley to Webster ; which was referred to the same committee.

Railroad
bridge at
Lawrence.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, the petition of J. B. Howard and 83 others of Lawrence, in aid of the petition of Andrew J. Perkins and others, relative to a change of the location of the bridge of the Boston and Maine Railroad at Lawrence ; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Consolida-
tion of Low-
ell and
Fitchburg
R. R. Cos.

Mr. Vinal of Somerville, the remonstrance of Plumer & Co. and 36 others, merchants of Boston, against the consolidation of the Lowell and Fitchburg Railroads ; which was referred to the same committee.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, presented the petitions of Asa L. Kneeland and others of Worcester, and of J. K. Gleason and others of Holden, for repeal of the act to establish the central district court of Worcester; which were referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Central district court of Worcester.

On motion of Mr. Plunkett of Adams,—

Ordered, That the Judiciary committee be, and they are hereby instructed, to inquire into the justice, as well as the expediency, of increasing the penalties for drunkenness, and of making some provision for the families of inebriates, whilst the latter are imprisoned in jails, houses of correction or workhouses. Penalties for drunkenness.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill to establish a reformatory prison for women, reported that the bill ought to pass. On his motion the bill was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Reformatory prison for women.

Mr. Derby of Charlestown, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a resolve in favor of the town of Halifax; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance. Halifax.

Papers from the Senate.

A resolve in favor of the city of Lawrence, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on Finance. Lawrence.

A bill for supplying South Adams with pure water, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading. South Adams water supply.

Mr. Chapin of Holyoke, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Senate resolve in favor of Hattie Lemly, reported that the same ought to pass. The resolve was placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow. Hattie Lemly.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to create the office of auditor for the superior court for the county of Suffolk. Read and ordered to a second reading. Auditor for superior court of Suffolk County.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the same committee, reported, in a new draft, a bill in relation to attachments and other liens upon real estate. Read and ordered to a second reading. Attachments upon real estate.

A communication was received from the deputy tax commissioner, in response to an order of the House con- Assessors' returns for 1872.

taining the assessors' returns from towns and cities for the year 1872. On motion of Mr. Benton of Brookline the communication was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Lynn Mutual Fire
Ins. Co.

Mr. Stacy of Lynn moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House refused to suspend the 19th joint rule in concurrence in reference to the bill to extend the charter of the Lynn Mutual Fire Insurance Company. The motion was carried, and the rule was suspended.

Mr. Harlow of Shrewsbury moved that a message be sent to the Senate asking that the bill be returned to the House. He was appointed to convey the message, and subsequently the bill was received from the Senate.

Winchester
water supply.

On motions made by Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge the bill in addition to an act entitled an act to supply the town of Winchester with pure water was taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The report of the committee on the Liquor Law (inexpedient) on the order relative to amending section 29 of chapter 415 of the acts of 1869, concerning the cider clause in the prohibitory law; and the

Report of the committee on Female Suffrage (asking to be discharged from further consideration of the subject) on the petition of L. Maria Child and others, C. M. Forbes and others, and the memorial of the Woman Suffrage Association, in relation to woman suffrage;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The reports :

Of the committee on the Judiciary (inexpedient), on an order relative to the expediency of amending chapter 112 of the acts of 1866; and

Of the same committee (inexpedient), on an order relative to the powers of mayors of cities in voting;

Were accepted.

The Senate bill to authorize district-attorneys to employ clerical assistance was rejected.

Bills :

To authorize the laying out and construction of a highway in the town of North Bridgewater;

To enable the East Parish in Randolph, now Holbrook, to sell real estate;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Crocker of Boston, from the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, reported an amendment to the bill to relieve the town of Saugus in the support of a portion of a highway and bridges, which was adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of the same gentleman, an amendment was adopted to the bill authorizing the construction of a new state prison building, and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to amend section 5 of chapter 307 of the acts of the year 1871, entitled an act to supply the town of Woburn with pure water, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to authorize the proprietors of the first parish in Newbury to sell certain real estate was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the town of Rockland was read and debated at length. Before it was disposed of, on motion of Mr. Ladd of Sturbridge, the House

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 27, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Winslow of Newton presented the petition of Mrs. Ripley and 27 women of Massachusetts in favor of a separate prison for women; which was referred to the committee on Prisons and sent up for concurrence.

Prison for women.

Papers from the Senate.

A House bill to extend the time for filing the location of the Exeter and Salisbury Railway Company came down from the Senate with an amendment extending the time for filing said location to April, 1874; and the House concurred in the amendment.

Exeter and Salisbury R. R. Co.

A bill to prevent the spreading of contagious diseases, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Spreading of contagious diseases.

The House concurred with the Senate in its reference of the bill to continue in force an act to incorporate the Lynn Mutual Fire Insurance Company to the committee on Insurance.

Lynn Mutual Fire Ins. Co.

State Normal Art School.

Mr. Billings of Sharon, from the committee on Education, to whom was referred the report of the board of education, reported a resolve establishing a State Normal Art School; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

State normal school at Bridgewater.

Mr. Marden of Lowell, from the same committee, reported a resolve in favor of the State Normal School at Bridgewater; which was read and referred to the same committee.

Insurance commissioner.

Mr. Tarr of Gloucester, from the committee on the State House, to whom was referred the memorial of the Insurance Commissioner asking additional room for that department, reported a resolve authorizing the Sergeant-at-Arms to lease the House No. 33, Pemberton Square, Boston; which was read and referred to the same committee.

Breech-loading arms for the militia.

Mr. Carruth of Chelsea, from the committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred that portion of the address of His Excellency the Governor relating to military affairs, together with the Adjutant-General's report, reported a resolve for supplying breech-loading arms to the volunteer militia; which was read and referred to the same committee.

Commissioners on inland fisheries—sale of fishways.

Mr. Whitfield of Fairhaven, from the committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred the order relative to inquiring whether any one of the commissioners on inland fisheries is interested in the sale of the fishways which the commissioners order to be used in the Commonwealth, reported that they find that no fishways have ever been for sale in this Commonwealth by any one of the commissioners on inland fisheries; and that all mill-dam owners have been free to choose any of the fishways known to the commissioners on inland fisheries, free of expense so far as any claim from any patent right is concerned.

Harlow's Creek.

Mr. Smith of Boston, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Thomas C. Harlow for protection of the fishery at Harlow's Brook.

Insolvent estates of deceased persons.

Mr. Cook of Boston, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to repealing chapter 327 of the acts of 1868, relating to insolvent estates of deceased persons.

Encampment and mileage of militia.

Mr. Carruth of Chelsea, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the commissioned officers of Company A, 6th Regiment,

M. V. M., relating to change of time of encampment and the mileage of troops.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the message of His Excellency the Governor concerning the monument to General Meade. General Meade.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the Senate bill in relation to the expenses of probate courts, reported that the same ought not to pass. The bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Expenses of probate courts.

Mr. Dudley of Northampton, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of James N. Look for compensation for illegal arrest and imprisonment, from the inability of the petitioner to present his case within a reasonable time, reported that the petition be referred to the next general court. The report was accepted and sent up for concurrence. James N. Look.

Mr. Skinner of Milford, from the committee on Fisheries, reported a bill to regulate the leasing of great ponds for the purpose of cultivating useful fishes. Leasing of ponds for fish culture.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported, in a new draft, the bill to authorize the county commissioners for the County of Hampden to borrow money for certain purposes. Hampden County commissioners.

Mr. Judd of Lee, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, reported, in a new draft, the bill to authorize guardians to sell the real estate of their wards at private sale. Sales of real estate by guardians.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

On motions made by Mr. Blake of Milford the vote by which the bill to authorize district-attorneys to employ clerical assistance was rejected was reconsidered, and the bill was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to hear the parties. Clerical assistance for district-attorneys.

A motion to reconsider the vote by which the House accepted the report of the committee on the Liquor Law, on the order relative to amending section 29 of chapter 415 of the acts of 1869, concerning the cider clause in the prohibitory law, made by Mr. Crocker of Boston, was refused by a vote of 52 to 99. Liquor law—cider clause.

Bills passed.**Engrossed bills :**

Amending an act to incorporate the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary ;

To authorize the town of Nahant to construct a wharf and for other purposes ;

To authorize Moses E. Hale to construct a wharf in Newburyport ;

To prevent fast driving over free bridges over the Connecticut River ;

To authorize the city of Newburyport to discontinue certain landing places in said city and for other purposes ;

To incorporate the Apollo Club of Boston ;

To authorize the town of Medford to construct a bridge across Mystic River ;

To authorize Elbridge G. Kelley to extend his wharf in Newburyport ;

To confer a veto power on the mayors of cities ;

To extend the time within which actions and prosecutions under the laws relating to inland fisheries may be commenced ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To incorporate the trustees of the Sigma Phi Society of Williams College ;

For the better organization of the fire department of the city of Fitchburg ;

To authorize the city of Fitchburg to fund its floating debt and to issue additional scrip ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

The engrossed resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary (which originated in the House of Representatives) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

**Grade of
lands in
Boston.**

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, the bill to authorize the raising of the grade of certain lands in the city of Boston, for the purpose of preserving the public health in said city, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

**Orders of
the day.**

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bills :

To authorize towns and cities to establish hospitals ;

To legalize the acts and proceedings of the Fifth Congregational Society of Springfield, and to change the name thereof;

To create the office of auditor for the superior court for the County of Suffolk;

For supplying South Adams with pure water; and the Resolve in favor of Hattie Lemly;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Crocker of Boston, from the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, reported amendments to the bill to amend chapter 375 of the acts of the year 1872; and also to the bill in addition to an act incorporating the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; which were adopted, and the bills were severally passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill in addition to an act to authorize the formation of insurance companies, and for other purposes, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to enable the East Parish in Randolph, now Holbrook, to sell real estate, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the town of Rockland was debated at length. The previous question was finally ordered on motion of Mr. Hall of New Bedford, and the bill was rejected by a vote of 72 to 110.

The bill to incorporate the town of South Abington was also rejected.

The bill in relation to railroad corporations transporting merchandise for hire was considered and debated.

Mr. Codman of Boston moved to add a new section, as follows:—

"Railroad corporations are authorized, subject to the approval of the board of railroad commissioners, to charge a reasonable sum for each day's detention in the unloading and removal of goods and merchandise, beyond the twenty-four hours fixed by this act, and after notice to the owner or consignee of the arrival thereof; and such charge shall be a lien upon the goods and merchandise neglected to be unloaded or removed as aforesaid, and shall be paid by the owner or consignee."

Mr. Harlow of Shrewsbury moved to insert a new section, as follows:—

"Section 4. All railroad companies in the state are authorized to take such lands and to issue and dispose of

such additional shares of the capital stock of their respective companies, in the manner provided by law, as may be necessary in the judgment of the railroad commissioners to provide the additional grounds and warehouses required for the convenient transaction of the company's business under the provisions of this act."

Pending the consideration of the bill and amendments, on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, by a vote of 70 to 41, the House

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 28, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Ware River
R. R. Co.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield introduced a bill to authorize and regulate the formation of a corporation by the successors of the Ware River Railroad Company; which was referred to the committee on Railways, under a suspension of the 19th joint rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Militia laws.

Odered, In concurrence, that the committee on Military Affairs, to whom was committed the subject of a revision of the laws relating to the militia of the Commonwealth, be authorized to report in print.

Consolidation of Lowell & Fitchburg R. R.

The remonstrance of George S. Ball and 72 others of Upton against the consolidation of the Lowell and Fitchburg Railroads, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Prison for women convicts.

The petitions of Mrs. William Gray and 16 other ladies; of S. M. Jackson and 15 other ladies; of Mrs. R. H. Bigelow and 17 other ladies; of Mrs. William Clafin and 17 other ladies, for a separate prison for women convicts, were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons.

Hospital for the insane.

A bill to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the state, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Massachusetts Agricultural College.

The tenth annual report of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Agriculture.

A bill to authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to widen its bridge across Fort Point Channel, and to extend its wharf on said channel in Boston, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Old Colony
R. R. Co.

Mr. Norton of Westfield, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the town of West Newbury, for relief from maintaining Rock's Bridge and for reimbursement of money already paid on a new bridge at Groveland.

West New-
bury—main-
tenance of
bridges.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of George Lovejoy and others for an act authorizing the county commissioners of Essex County to build a bridge across the Merrimac River between Haverhill and Bradford.

Bridge be-
tween Hav-
erhill and
Bradford.

Mr. Brownell of Westport, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to an act to relieve the city of Chelsea from the expense of maintaining the bridge between that city and Charlestown.

Chelsea—
support of a
bridge.

Mr. Abbott of Malden, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to requiring the county commissioners of Middlesex County to assess the expense of maintaining certain bridges over Charles and Mystic Rivers upon the towns and cities benefited by said bridges.

Bridges over
Charles and
Mystic
Rivers.

Mr. Ladd of Sturbridge, from the committee on Towns, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of John A. Beckman and others, for a division of the town of Sandwich.

Division of
Sandwich.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Hannah E. Williams, for an act to legalize her marriage.

Hannah E.
Williams.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Patch of Boston, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Senate resolve in favor of the city of Lawrence, reported that the same ought to pass. Read and ordered to a second reading.

City of Law-
rence.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate resolve relative to the appointment of a commission to inquire and report upon the best methods of constructing fire-proof buildings, reported that the same ought not to pass. The resolve was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Commission
on fire-proof
buildings.

Lease of a
building for
state offices.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve authorizing the Sergeant-at-Arms to lease a building for the Insurance Department, and for other State purposes, reported the same in a new draft, and on motion of the same gentleman the bill was read a second and third time, and referred to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Halifax.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the same committee, reported a resolve in favor of the town of Halifax. Read and ordered to a second reading.

State li-
brary.

Mr. Chapin of Holyoke, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in aid of the State Library, reported that the same ought to pass. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Annuities to
judicial offi-
cers.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to provide for payment of annuities to certain judicial officers, after retirement from office, reported that it ought to pass.

Insane per-
sons
charged
with mur-
der.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to provide for the confinement of persons acquitted of the charge of murder or manslaughter, by reason of insanity.

State rail-
road direc-
tors.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on Railways, reported a bill concerning the appointment of State Directors in railroad corporations.

Notaries-
public.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill authorizing Notaries-Public to administer oaths, reported that the same ought to pass in a new draft.

Boston—
land for a
post-office.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported a bill giving the consent of the Commonwealth to the United States for the purchase of additional land in the city of Boston, for the sub-treasury and post-office site.

Fees and de-
posits in
courts of in-
solvency.

Mr. Clark of Boston, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, reported a bill relating to fees and deposits in the courts of insolvency.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To amend the charter of the city of Springfield ;

To amend the charter of the Springfield Street Railway Company ;

In addition to the acts for the erection and regulation of mills ;

Extending the time for locating the road of the South-bridge and Palmer Railroad Company ;

To legalize certain acts and proceedings of the Lynn Gas Light Company ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Fixing the fees of clerks and registrars for the registry and return of births ;

To establish the city of Holyoke ;

To authorize the proprietors of the First Parish in Newbury to sell real estate ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, the bill regulating elections in the city of Boston was taken from the table, and on his motion it was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary by a vote of 106 to 37.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

The report of the committee on Fisheries (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Thomas C. Harlow for protection of the fishery at Harlow's Brook ; and

The report of the committee on Military Affairs (leave to withdraw) on the petition of the commissioned officers of Co. A, 6th Regiment, M. V. M., relating to change of time of encampment and the mileage of troops ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to regulate the fees of sheriffs for presiding over sheriffs' juries was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill for regulating the purchase and sale of eggs by weight, was amended on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, who offered a substitute bill which was adopted. It was as follows : "Eggs shall hereafter be sold by weight." The bill as amended was ordered to a third reading.

When the bill in relation to railroad corporations transporting merchandise for hire was considered, Mr. Codman of Boston modified his amendment, and as modified it was adopted. The amendment offered by Mr. Harlow of Shrewsbury was rejected. The bill as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to establish a free bridge across the Connecticut River, between Springfield and Agawam, was amended on

motion of Mr. Chapin of Holyoke, and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston, from the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, the bill to authorize the laying out and construction of a highway in the town of North Bridgewater was amended, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To establish the city of Gloucester ;

To authorize cities and towns to establish hospitals ;

To create the office of Auditor for the Superior Court in Suffolk County ;

Were severally passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To legalize the acts and proceedings of the Fifth Congregational Society of Springfield, and to change the name thereof ;

For supplying South Adams with pure water ;

And the resolve in favor of Hattie Lemly were severally passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Senate bill in relation to suits for damages for injuries on highways was rejected.

The bill limiting the number of passengers on horse cars was considered.

Amendments offered by Mr. Carruth of Chelsea, and Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge were adopted. Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston offered a substitute for the bill.

Mr. Clark of Boston moved that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed.

When the question was put on substituting Mr. Fitzgerald's bill it was found that a quorum had not voted.

A motion to adjourn was made.

And in accordance with an order of the House the question was taken by yeas and nays. It was lost by a vote of 39 to 57.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
Horace C. Bacon,
James M. Barker,
Dennis Bonner,
Franklin Bonney,
Richard Britton,

Messrs. Giles E. Brownell,
Adam Capen, Jr.,
Albe C. Clark,
William H. Cook,
George G. Crocker,
Ben. C. Currier,

Messrs. Joshua W. Davis,
William Dean,
Lewis J. Dudley,
Henderson J. Edwards,
Frederick D. Ely,
Harrison O. Field,
John E. Fitzgerald,
Lewis Hayden,
David P. Howes,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Alexis W. Ide,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Edward J. Jones,
Jesse E. Keith,

Messrs. William R. Kentfield,
Charles R. Ladd,
Edward McCleave,
Lewis R. Norton,
Hiram Packard,
Philip H. Robinson,
Augustus J. Sawyer,
Nathaniel Sears,
James B. Shaw,
A. L. Soule,
Reuben G. Sparks,
T. W. Wellington,
Elijah N. Woods.

NAYS.

Messrs. Wales Aldrich,
Walter B. Allen,
A. S. Atherton,
Andrew J. Bailey,
George W. Bardwell,
Elijah E. Belding,
Ezekiel D. Bement,
John Bigelow,
Sanford W. Billings,
Peleg Blankinship,
Horace L. Bowker,
Henry Burt,
Sumner Carruth,
Henry B. Chamberlin,
Edward W. Chapin,
Charles R. Codman,
John B. D. Cogswell,
William A. Creesy,
Daniel C. Fletcher,
Granville E. Foss,
H. M. French,
William Frost,
Kirke E. Gardner,
Charles A. Gleason,
Fitz E. Griffin,
Simeon Hardy,
Francis B. Hayes,
Samuel S. Haynes,
Benjamin Heath,

Messrs. Lot Higgins,
Henry B. Hill,
Richard H. Humphrey,
Samuel W. McDaniel,
Thomas J. Morgan,
Andrew M. Morton,
Albert Palmer,
John Perkins,
Francis E. Porter,
Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,
John Samson,
George J. Sanger,
George P. Sanger,
Joseph L. Sargent,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Robert Seaver,
James Smith,
Henry Splaine,
William B. Stone,
John H. Studley,
Andrew J. Waters,
James L. White,
Tisdale S. White,
William H. Whitfield,
George H. Whitman,
Robert R. Wiley,
Henry W. Wilson,
Benjamin F. Wing.

Yeas, 39; nays, 57.

Mr. Bowker of Boston moved that the House take a recess until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. Cook of Boston raised the point of order that when

a quorum of the House was not present the motion was not in order.

The Speaker decided that the point was well taken.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth moved that the sergeant-at-arms be requested to send for absentees.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown raised the point of order that the motion could not be entertained as the House could only adjourn when a quorum was not present.

The Speaker decided that the motion was clearly in order as less than a quorum could take the action indicated. On motion of Mr. Sawtelle of New Bedford, the House then

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 29, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Bridge over
Neponset
River.

Mr. Clark of Boston presented the remonstrance of Rowell Gleason and 41 others, against authorizing another bridge over the Neponset River; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Discharged
female pris-
oners.

Mr. Stedman of Boston, on leave, introduced a resolve in regard to discharged female prisoners; which was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Baptist So-
ciety of
Newbury
and New-
buryport.

Mr. Couch of Newburyport presented the petition of the Baptist Society of Newbury and Newburyport to sell certain property and disband the society; which was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, under a suspension of the 19th joint rule.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Poor debt-
ors' oath.

Mr. Harlow of Shrewsbury, on leave, introduced a bill relating to poor debtors' oaths; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

Edward J.
Jones.

A resolve in favor of Edward J. Jones, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Railroad
crossings.

A bill in relation to railroad crossings, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred under the 19th joint rule to the next General Court.

Notice was received by the Speaker from the Senate, of the rejection by that branch of the House bill relating to physicians' certificates of death.

Physicians' certificates of death.

The bill concerning the Highland Street Railway Company, came down from the Senate with an amendment, in which the House concurred.

Highland Street Railroad Co.

A resolve in favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoology, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Robert Thompson, praying for confirmation of marriage.

Robert Thompson.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to the expediency of amending the law in regard to fees of certain officers in attendance at superior courts.

Fees of officers in superior courts.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the expediency of amending the law in relation to election of selectmen of towns, etc.

Election of selectmen.

The same gentleman from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Edward Burke, praying for confirmation of title.

Edward Burke.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill relating to abstracts of conveyances, reported that the same ought not to pass. The bill was placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Abstracts of conveyances.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the same committee, to whom was referred the report of the committee on Prisons, on the establishment of a prison for women, reported that they found no legal objection to the passage of the bill accompanying the report, but recommended the adoption of the following amendment, viz.: to insert the words "before any court or trial justice" after the word "convicted" in the first line of the 22d section. The bill and report were placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Prison for women.

Mr. Whitfield of Fairhaven, from the committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred the petition of Wm. A. Vanderhoop, reported a bill to prohibit the drawing of any seine or drag-net near the mouth of the Gay Head Herring Creek.

Fishing in Gay Head Herring Creek.

Interest on taxes. Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to authorize cities and towns to charge interest on certain taxes.

Fees of sextons. The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported a bill to amend section 4 of chapter 21 of the General Statutes, relative to fees of sextons and others.

Fees of deputy sheriffs. Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the same committee, reported a bill concerning the fees of deputy-sheriffs.

Mode of administering oaths. The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported a bill concerning the mode of administering oaths.

Returns of railway corporations. Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on Railways, reported a bill relating to the annual returns of railroad and street railway corporations.

Demolition of buildings during fires. Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported, in a new draft, the bill relating to the demolition of buildings during fires.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills passed. Engrossed bills :
Concerning the Highland Street Railway Company ;
To incorporate the Fitchburg Street Railway ;
For the prevention of fraudulent insurance ;
In addition to an act concerning the First Parish in Rowley ;

Relating to solitary imprisonment ;
(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To extend the time for the location of the Plymouth County Railroad ;

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad to construct a branch road in Barnstable ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

South Adams water supply. On motion of Mr. Titus of Worcester the vote by which the House passed to be engrossed the bill for supplying South Adams with pure water was reconsidered, and on his motion several amendments to the bill were adopted and the bill was again passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

Orders of the day. The orders of the day were taken up.

The report of the committee on Probate and Chancery (inexpedient) on the order relative to repealing chapter

327 of the acts of 1868, relating to insolvent estates of deceased persons, was accepted.

The reports :

Of the committee on Fisheries, on the order relative to inquiring whether any one of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries is interested in the sale of the fishways which the Commissioners order to be used in the Commonwealth ;

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges (leave to withdraw) on the petition of the town of West Newbury, for relief from maintaining Rock's Bridge and for reimbursement of money already paid on a new bridge at Groveland ;

Of the same committee (leave to withdraw) on the petition of George Lovejoy and others, for an act authorizing the county commissioners of Essex County to build a bridge across the Merrimac River between Haverhill and Bradford ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The bill in relation to attachments and other liens upon real estate was read and amended on motion of Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, and was ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To regulate the leasing of great ponds for the purpose of cultivating useful fishes ;

Authorizing notaries-public to administer oaths ;

Relating to fees and deposits in the courts of insolvency ;

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to widen its bridge across Fort Point Channel, and to extend its wharf on said channel in Boston ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Resolves :

In favor of the town of Halifax ; and

In favor of the city of Lawrence ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill limiting the number of passengers on horse-cars was debated, and was finally rejected by a vote of 70 to 76.

Mr. Wilson of Boston offered a bill as a substitute for the bill amending section 15 of chapter 165 of the General Statutes, which the House refused to substitute by a vote of 30 to 87, and the original bill was then rejected.

Mr. Crocker of Boston, from the committee on Bills in

the Third Reading, reported amendments to the bill to amend an act in relation to the Holyoke and Northampton Boom and Lumber Company, which were adopted; the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The bill concerning the Middlesex Railroad Company was read and passed to be engrossed, and on motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown the rule was suspended, and the bill was sent immediately to the Senate.

The Senate bill in relation to the expenses of probate courts; and

The Senate resolve relative to the appointment of a commission to inquire and report upon the best methods of constructing fire-proof buildings;

Were rejected.

The resolve authorizing the Sergeant-at-Arms to lease a building for the insurance department, and for other state purposes, was read, passed to be engrossed, and was sent immediately to the Senate for concurrence, the rule being suspended on motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem.

The bill to authorize the raising of the grade of certain lands in the city of Boston, for the purpose of preserving the public health in said city, was read and amended on motion of Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston.

Amendments were proposed by Mr. Whitman of Billerica, Mr. Hayes of Boston, and Mr. Nowell of Boston, and pending the consideration of the same on motion of Mr. Stedman of Boston the bill was laid on the table.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, March 31, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield was called to the Chair by the Speaker.

Annexation
of Charles-
town to
Boston.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown presented the petition of J. C. Hutchings and 137 others of Charlestown, against the annexation of Charlestown to Boston; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Do.

Mr. Samson of Charlestown, the petitions of Bickford Pulsifer and 49 others, and William Barry and 45 others,

for the same object; which was referred to the same committee.

These petitions were sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Titus of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the appointment of an assistant clerk for the central district court of Worcester and report thereon.

Assistant clerk of central district court of Worcester.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth presented the petitions of William T. Holman of Leicester, and of D. Tiffany and others, for the repeal of an act establishing the central district court of Worcester; which were placed on file.

Central district court of Worcester.

Mr. Nowell of Boston, on leave, introduced a resolve in favor of George H. Morse and Albert Pinder; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

George H. Morse and Albert Pinder.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to establish the salary of the Attorney-General; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

Salary of the Attorney-General.

Papers from the Senate.

The House bill to authorize the north parish in Weymouth to sell parsonage lands, came down from the Senate with an amendment, and on motion of Mr. Ide of Medway the bill was laid upon the table.

North Parish in Weymouth.

The report of the committee on Education (inexpedient to legislate) on the order to inquire into the expediency of enlarging the duties and powers or the number of the board of education, accepted in the Senate, came down and was accepted in concurrence.

Board of education.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of J. H. Gleason, Asa L. Kneeland and others, for the repeal of the act establishing the central district court of Worcester. Read and placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

Central district court of Worcester.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill to amend the charter of the city of Worcester, reported that the bill ought to pass, with the following amendment to its title: add to the title of the bill the words "relative to the purchase and control of city property." Read and ordered to a second reading.

Charter of Worcester.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill to authorize the city

Public park in Worcester.

of Worcester to lay out a public park, reported that the bill ought to pass with certain amendments, namely: at the end of the first section to add the words "with the right to appropriate a portion of said land to be used as a reservoir." Also to amend the title, by adding the words "and to establish and maintain a reservoir." Also, to amend section six, so that it shall read as follows: "This act shall not take effect unless it shall be submitted to and approved by a majority of the legal voters of the city of Worcester, present and voting thereon by ballot, at the next municipal election." The bill was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Nowell of Boston offered the following order, which was rejected:—

Pemberton
Square,
Boston.

Ordered, That the Judiciary committee be instructed to inquire whether any portion of the streets through Pemberton Square are private ways or not.

The same gentleman also offered the following order, which was rejected:—

State police.

Ordered, That the state police be requested to move into some street where the citizens of the state can reach their office over some street, not a private way.

Lynn Mu-
tual Fire
Ins. Co.

Mr. Harlow of Shrewsbury, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the bill to amend the charter of the Lynn Mutual Fire Insurance Company, reported that the same ought to pass.

Bridge in
Manchester.

Mr. Hayes of Boston, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was referred the petitions of C. A. Bartol and the town of Manchester, reported a bill to authorize the town of Manchester to construct a causeway or bridge in said town.

Lynn City
Street Rail-
road Co.

Mr. Palmer of Boston, from the committee on Horse Railways, to whom was referred the petition of M. V. B. Mower and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Lynn City Street Railway Company.

Bridge
across Chel-
sea Creek.

Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, from the committee on Harbors, reported a bill to authorize the Cary Improvement Company to construct a bridge across Chelsea Creek.

Shores and
beaches of
Scituate.

Mr. Cushing of Hingham, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Ward and others of Scituate, reported a bill to protect the shores and beaches of Scituate.

Cragie
bridge.

Mr. Wilson of Boston, from the same committee, reported a bill to authorize the commissioners on West Bos-

ton Bridge and Cragie or Canal Bridge to reconstruct and widen Cragie or Canal Bridge.

Mr. Currier of Newburyport, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, reported a bill concerning sewers and drains in the city of Boston.

Sewers and drains of Boston.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

An engrossed bill, in relation to the taxation of insurance companies, (which originated in the House of Representatives) was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Bill passed.

An engrossed resolve, authorizing the sergeant-at-arms to lease a building for the insurance department, and for other state purposes, (which originated in the House of Representatives) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Carruth of Chelsea moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House rejected the bill limiting the number of passengers on horse cars. After debate the motion was lost.

Limitation of passengers on horse cars.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston the vote by which the House rejected the Senate resolve relative to the appointment of a commission to inquire and report upon the best methods of constructing fire-proof buildings, was reconsidered, and the resolve was laid on the table.

Commission on fire-proof buildings.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

The reports,

Of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Robert Thompson, praying for confirmation of marriage ;

Of the same committee, inexpedient, on an order relative to the expediency of amending the law in regard to fees of certain officers in attendance at superior courts ;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward Burke, praying for confirmation of title ;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw on the petition of Hannah E. Williams, for an act to legalize her marriage ;

Were severally accepted.

The reports,

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw on the petition of John A. Beekman and others, for a division of the town of Sandwich ;

Of the committee on Military Affairs, inexpedient, on the message of His Excellency the Governor concerning the monument to General Meade ;

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, inexpedient, on the order relative to an act to relieve the city of Chelsea from the expense of maintaining the bridge between that city and Charlestown ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown offered a bill as a substitute for the report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, inexpedient, on the order relative to requiring the county commissioners of Middlesex County to assess the expense of maintaining certain bridges over Charles and Mystic rivers upon the towns and cities benefited by said bridges, and on motion of Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston the report and bill were laid on the table and the bill ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Soule of Springfield the bill to authorize the county commissioners for the county of Hampden to borrow money for certain purposes, was amended, and was then ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cook of Boston, the further consideration of the bill to authorize guardians to sell the real estate of their wards at private sale, was postponed until to-morrow.

Bills :

To provide for the confinement of persons acquitted of the charge of murder or manslaughter, by reason of insanity ;

Giving the consent of the Commonwealth to the United States for the purchase of additional land in the city of Boston, for the sub-treasury and post-office site ;

To prohibit the drawing of any seine or drag-net near the mouth of the Gay Head Herring Creek ;

To amend section 4 of chapter 21 of the General Statutes, relative to fees of sextons and others ;

Relating to the annual returns of railroad and street railway corporations ;

Relating to the demolition of buildings during fires ;

To establish a reformatory prison for women (which was amended ;)

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve in aid of the State Library was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To regulate the fees of sheriffs for presiding over sheriffs' juries ;

In relation to attachments and other liens upon real estate ;

To regulate the leasing of great ponds for the purpose of cultivating useful fishes ;

Authorizing notaries-public to administer oaths ;

Relating to fees and deposits in the courts of insolvency ;

Were severally passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to widen its bridge across Fort Point Channel, and to extend its wharf on said channel in Boston, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The resolve in favor of the town of Halifax was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve in favor of the city of Lawrence was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to provide for payment of annuities to certain judicial officers, after retirement from office, was considered and debated at length. It was rejected by a vote of 73 to 72. The yeas and nays were ordered ; to verify the vote the roll was called and the bill was rejected by a vote of 74 to 92.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Walter B. Allen,
A. S. Atherton,
Horace C. Bacon,
Andrew J. Bailey,
George Bartholmesz,
Austin W. Benton,
Hiram Berry,
John Bigelow,
William E. Blunt,
Dennis Bonner,
Franklin Bonney,
Richard F. Briggs,
Sumner Carruth,
Henry B. Chamberlin,
Charles R. Codman,
John B. D. Cogswell,
William H. Cook,

Messrs. George G. Crocker,
Ben. C. Currier,
George E. Davis,
I. W. Derby,
Henderson J. Edwards,
Alonzo H. Evans,
George O. Fairbanks,
Eustace C. Fitz,
John E. Fitzgerald,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
John W. Fletcher,
Granville E. Foss,
John Gates,
Addison Gilbert,
Isaac D. Hall,
John W. Hammond,
Lewis Hayden,

Messrs. Benjamin F. Hayes,	Messrs. George T. Ryder,
Francis B. Hayes,	Edward Sanford,
Henry B. Hill,	Joseph L. Sargent,
Richardson Hutchinson,	John C. Scott,
Alexis W. Ide,	James Smith,
Edward J. Jones,	A. L. Soule,
Jesse E. Keith,	Henry Splaine,
William R. Kentfield,	Francis D. Stedman,
Charles R. Ladd,	Thomas N. Stone,
Noah D. Ladd,	John H. Studley,
Almond R. Lancaster,	James G. Tarr,
George A. Marden,	William Taylor,
Samuel W. McDaniel,	Joseph A. Titus,
Thomas J. Morgan,	Q. A. Vinal,
Asa P. Morse,	Andrew J. Waters,
C. D. Morse,	Edward F. Watson,
William C. Parker, Jr.,	T. W. Wellington,
Daniel A. Patch,	Robert R. Wiley,
J. Winslow Peirce,	Henry W. Wilson,
Willard P. Phillips,	Ezra D. Winslow.

NAYS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,	Messrs. Daniel C. Fletcher,
Wales Aldrich,	Charles A. Gleason,
Francis R. Allen,	Asa H. Goddard,
Aaron Bagg,	Stephen D. Goddard,
John M. Batchelder,	A. J. Gove,
Edward L. Bigelow,	Fitz E. Griffin,
Sanford W. Billings,	Charles V. Hanson,
George B. Blake,	Simeon Hardy,
Peleg Blankinship,	George H. Harlow,
Richard Britton,	David P. Hatch,
Giles E. Brownell,	Samuel S. Haynes,
Moses L. Buck,	Benjamin Heath,
Addison Burnett,	Lot Higgins,
Henry Burt,	Samuel E. Hildreth,
Jacob B. Calley,	Amos Hill,
Adam Capen, Jr.,	Samuel B. Hopkins,
Alfred A. Clatur,	Emory A. Howard,
John S. Coney,	David P. Howes,
George Copeland,	George H. Hoyt,
Robert Couch,	Richard H. Humphrey,
William A. Creesy,	Thomas P. Hurlbut,
Charles Crittenden,	Thomas Ingalls,
Daniel A. Cronin,	Nathan S. Jenkins,
John Cushing,	Jonathan Johnson,
Joshua W. Davis,	George P. Kendrick,
George J. Dean,	Lucius W. Knight,
Joseph Dyer,	Willard Lewis,
John H. Fisher,	Elijah Marion,

Messrs. Edward McCleave, Charles W. Morrill, Andrew M. Morton, John A. Nowell, Edward O. Noyes, Hiram Packard, John B. Parker, John Perkins, Charles Perley, Calvin T. Phillips, Francis E. Porter, George Purrington, Jr., John W. Regan, William Roberts, Philip H. Robinson, Stephen D. Salmon, Jr., John Samson, George J. Sanger,	Messrs. Isaac F. Sawtelle, Augustus J. Sawyer, Roger H. Scannell, Robert Seaver, Amos W. Shumway, Henry C. Skinner, Zoeth Snow, Jr., Oliver M. Stacey, William Stewart, Andrew H. Sweet, Charles Talbot, William N. Walker, William H. Whitfield, Benjamin F. Wing, Samuel Winslow, Oliver Walcott, Moses D. Woodbury, Elijah N. Woods.
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Yeas, 74; nays, 92.

A motion to reconsider the vote was made by Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge, and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The bill concerning the appointment of state directors in railroad corporations was rejected.

The bill for regulating the purchase and sale of eggs by weight was read and debated. Pending the consideration of an amendment offered by Mr. Scott of Blackstone the House

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 1, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Crocker of Boston was called to the Chair by the Speaker.

Mr. Codman of Boston, on leave, introduced a bill authorizing the commissioners on public lands to sell land to the city of Boston for a school-house; which was referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown presented the remonstrance of James M. Stone and 164 other citizens of Charlestown, against the annexation of Charlestown to Boston; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

These papers were sent up for concurrence.

Boston—
land for a
school-
house.

Annexation
of Charles-
town to
Boston.

Bridge
across Ne-
ponset
River.

Mr. Granger of Boston presented the petitions of A. M. McPhail and 107 others of Boston, and of N. E. Hol- lace and 208 others, in aid of the petition of H. N. Hol- brook and others, for a bridge across the Neponset River to Squantum ; which were ordered to be placed on file.

Reforma-
tory prison
for women.

Mr. Phelps of Springfield, the petition of S. G. Buck- ingham and 64 others, praying for the passage of the bill reported by the committee on Prisons, for a reformatory prison for women ; which was also placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Blake of Milford,—

Classifica-
tion of jails
and work-
houses.

Ordered, That the committee on Printing consider the expediency of printing 1,000 extra copies of the report of the committee on Prisons relative to the classification of the jails and workhouses of the state.

Paper from the Senate.

Fall River—
city charter.

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Fall River, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Springfield
—laying out
of streets.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order to inquire into the expediency of amending section 14 of chapter 94 of the acts of the year 1852. The report was accepted.

Burial-
ground in
Sharon.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Darius M. Foss and 17 others of Sharon, for authority to remove remains from a burial-ground in Sharon.

Registers of
probate—
dockets or
indexes.

Mr. Cook of Boston, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, reported inexpedient to legislate, on an order to inquire into the expediency of requiring registers of probate to keep a docket or index.

Accounts in
probate
courts.

Mr. Loughlin of Lowell, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on an order as to the expediency of jurisdiction of probate courts in reopening accounts once settled in those courts.

Probate
court and
registry of
Suffolk
County.

Mr. Clark of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to provide for the transaction of business in the probate court and registry of Suffolk County (introduced on leave in the House) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Tariff for
freight.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on Rail- ways, reported inexpedient to legislate on the communica-

tion of the board of agriculture concerning tariff for freight.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reported, in a new draft, the Senate bill to amend the charter of the proprietors of the Odd Fellows' Hall in the city of Boston. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Odd Fel-
lows' Hall
of Boston.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on Railways, reported a bill concerning state directors in railroad corporations. Read and ordered to a second reading.

State rail-
road direc-
tors.

Mr. Bonney of Hadley, from the committee on Prisons, to whom was referred a part of the message of His Excellency the Governor, submitted a long report (inexpedient to legislate) relative to the classification of the jails and workhouses of the state, and on motion of Mr. Blake of Milford the report was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Classifica-
tion of jails
and work-
houses.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, from the committee on Railways, reported a bill in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company, and on his motion the report and bill were laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Lee & New
Haven Rail-
road Co.

Mr. Chapin of Holyoke, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill to establish the salary of the Attorney-General, reported that the same ought to pass.

Salary of
Attorney-
General.

Mr. Judd of Lee, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, reported a bill to facilitate the settlement of estates of deceased persons.

Estates of
deceased
persons.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill in addition to an act to establish the city of Haverhill.

Haverhill—
city charter.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, reported a bill to relieve parties affected by the acts of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees, irregularly appointed or licensed, and for other purposes.

Executors,
guardians,
&c., irregu-
larly ap-
pointed.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hildreth of Worcester it was voted that when the House adjourn it be to meet 11 A. M., to-morrow.

North Parish in Weymouth.
Corporal punishment.

On motions made by Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the bill to authorize the north parish in Weymouth to sell parsonage lands, and the order in reference to abolishing corporal punishment in public schools, were taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the House rejected the bill to provide for payment of annuities to certain judicial officers, after retirement from office, was debated and lost by a vote of 87 to 93.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. H. Gleason, Asa L. Kneeland and others, for the repeal of the act establishing the central district court of Worcester, was accepted.

Mr. Britton of Wakefield offered a bill as a substitute for the report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient, on an order relative to the expediency of amending the law in relation to election of selectmen of towns, etc., and on motion of Mr. Hill of Stoneham the report and bill were laid upon the table and the bill ordered to be printed.

The bill to amend the charter of the city of Worcester, was read, the title was amended and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the town of Manchester to construct a causeway or bridge in said town, was read and amended on motion of Mr. Creesy of Salem, and it was then ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize the Cary Improvement Company to construct a bridge across Chelsea Creek ;

To protect the shores and beaches of Scituate ;

To authorize the commissioners on West Boston Bridge and Cragie or Canal Bridge to reconstruct and widen Cragie or Canal Bridge ;

Concerning sewers and drains in the city of Boston ;

To authorize guardians to sell the real estate of their wards at private sale ;

To authorize cities and towns to charge interest on certain taxes ;

Concerning the fees of deputy-sheriffs ;

Concerning the mode of administering oaths ;

To amend the charter of the Lynn Mutual Fire Insurance Company ;

To incorporate the Lynn City Street Railway Company ;
Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill for regulating the purchase and sale of eggs by weight, was read and amended on motion of Mr. Scott of Blackstone, by making the standard weight of a dozen of eggs one pound and eight ounces ; and as amended it was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Senate bill relating to abstracts of conveyances was rejected.

Bills :

Relating to fees and deposits in the courts of insolvency ;

To authorize the county commissioners for the county of Hampden to borrow money for certain purposes ;

To provide for the confinement of persons acquitted of the charge of murder or manslaughter, by reason of insanity ;

Giving the consent of the Commonwealth to the United States for the purchase of additional land in the city of Boston, for the sub-treasury and post-office site ;

To prohibit the drawing of any seine or drag-net near the mouth of the Gay Head Herring Creek ;

To amend section 4 of chapter 21 of the General Statutes, relative to fees of sextons and others ;

Relating to the annual returns of railroad and street railway corporations ;

Relating to the demolition of buildings during fires ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 2, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

The annual report of the board of state charities, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Board of
state char-
ities.

A bill to authorize the Fall River, Warren and Providence Railroad Company to mortgage its railroad, and for other purposes, which had been passed to be engrossed in

Fall River,
Warren and
Providence
R. R. Co.

the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Inquest in case of fire.

A bill in addition to an act to provide inquest in case of fire, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Baptist Society of Newbury and Newburyport.

The petition of the Baptist Society of Newbury and Newburyport to sell certain property and disband the society, came down from the Senate non-concurred in the suspension of the 19th joint rule, and on motion of Mr. Couch of Newburyport it was laid upon the table.

Discharged female prisoners.

Mr. Stedman of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the resolve in regard to discharged female prisoners, reported that the same ought to pass. The resolve was referred to the committee on Finance.

Support of paupers.

Mr. Breed of Lynn, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending section 14 of chapter 70 of the General Statutes. Read and placed in the orders of the day for Friday.

Private burial-ground in Dartmouth.

Mr. Purrington of Mattapoisett, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of Sarah Howland and others, reported a bill authorizing the town of Dartmouth to discontinue a private burial-ground. Read and ordered to a second reading.

At the request of Mr. Bacon of Lawrence the committee on Railways were granted leave to hold a meeting during the session of the House.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To amend an act to incorporate the Stoneham Odd Fellows' Hall Association ;

To extend the time for filing the location and for the construction of the road of the Exeter and Salisbury Railway Company ;

Relating to the compensation of members of school committees ;

To authorize the formation of companies to insure against loss or damage by breakage of plate-glass and for other purposes ;

To authorize the town of Holyoke to hold additional shares of the capital stock of the Holyoke and Westfield Railroad Company ;

Relating to the board of trustees of the advisory board of the state industrial school for girls ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

To legalize the acts and proceedings of the Fifth Congregational Society of Springfield and to change the name thereof;

To relieve the town of Saugus of a part of the expense of repairing a certain highway and bridges;

To amend chapter 380 of the acts of 1872 relating to land for a normal school at Worcester;

To enable the East Parish in Randolph, now Holbrook, to sell its real estate;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

Providing compensation for the general officers of the militia and their staffs;

In favor of Myra E. Record;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

In favor of Hattie Lemly;

(Which originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Benton of Brookline, the tabular statement of assessors' returns from towns and cities for the year 1872 was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Finance.

Assessors' returns.

On motion of Mr. Judd of Lee, the bill in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company was taken from the table. The bill was referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Lee & New Haven R. R. Co.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the report of the committee on the Judiciary (inexpedient) on an order relative to the expediency of amending the law in relation to election of selectmen of towns, etc., and the bill Mr. Britton of Wakefield moved to substitute for the report, were taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for Friday.

Election of selectmen.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Darius M. Foss and 17 others of Sharon, for authority to remove remains from a burial-ground in Sharon, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The reports,

Of the committee on Probate and Chancery (inexpedient) on an order to inquire into the expediency of requiring registers of probate to keep a docket or index ;

Of the same committee (inexpedient) on an order as to the expediency of jurisdiction of probate courts in reopening accounts once settled in those courts ;

Were accepted.

The report of the committee on Railways (inexpedient) on the communication of the board of agriculture concerning tariff for freight was, on motion of Mr. Sawyer of Harvard, laid on the table.

The bill to provide for the transaction of business in the probate court and registry of Suffolk County was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, the order in reference to abolishing corporal punishment in public schools was indefinitely postponed.

The bill to amend the charter of the city of Fall River was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The bill to authorize the city of Worcester to lay out a public park, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To amend the charter of the proprietors of the Odd Fellows' Hall in the city of Boston ;

To establish the salary of the Attorney-General ;

To relieve parties affected by the acts of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees, irregularly appointed or licensed, and for other purposes ;

Concerning state directors in railroad corporations ;

In addition to an act to establish the city of Haverhill ;

To facilitate the settlement of estates of deceased persons ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To establish a reformatory prison for women ;

To authorize guardians to sell the real estate of their wards at private sale ;

To authorize cities and towns to charge interest on certain taxes ;

Concerning the fees of deputy-sheriffs ;

Concerning the mode of administering oaths ;

To amend the charter of the Lynn Mutual Fire Insurance Company ;

To authorize the town of Manchester to construct a causeway or bridge in said town (amended) ;

To incorporate the Lynn City Street Railway Company ;

To authorize the Cary Improvement Company to construct a bridge across Chelsea Creek ;

To protect the shores and beaches of Scituate ;

To authorize the commissioners on West Boston Bridge and Cragie or Canal Bridge to reconstruct and widen Cragie or Canal Bridge ;

Concerning sewers and drains in the city of Boston ;

Were severally passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to amend the charter of the city of Worcester was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The resolve in aid of the state library was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 4, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Fletcher of Chelsea presented the petition of Charles H. Ferson, mayor of Chelsea, for an amendment to the city charter ; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Chelsea—city charter.

Mr. Walker of Templeton, the remonstrance of the inhabitants of Templeton, against inclusion in a new registration district ; which was referred to the same committee. Templeton—new registration district.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report of the Tax Commissioner, asked to be discharged from the further consideration of so much of said report as refers "to the use of a trade-name by persons associated in business," to the "provisions for the formation of coöperative associations," and to "corporations which have practically ceased to exist." The report was accepted and the portions named were referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Report of Tax Commissioner.

Papers from the Senate.

A bill to establish a registry of deeds in the northern district of Worcester, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Registry of deeds in northern district of Worcester.

Estates of
deceased
persons.

A bill to expedite the settlement of estates of deceased persons, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Smelt fish-
ery.

A bill to regulate the taking of smelts, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Ware River
R. R. Co.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the purchasers of the franchise of the Ware River Railroad Company to organize a corporation and complete the road, reported that the same ought to pass in a new draft.

Milford and
Woon-
socket Rail-
road Co.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of George W. Johnson and others of Milford, reported a bill to authorize the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad Company to extend its road and to unite with the Rhode Island and Massachusetts Railroad Company.

Wakefield—
bounties to
soldiers.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol, from the committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the town of Wakefield to pay bounties to soldiers who served as part of the quota of said town in the recent war, reported that the same ought to pass.

Boston
Mortgage
Co.

Mr. Holmes of Fall River, from the committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred the petition of Wm. Endicott, Jr., Abner I. Benyon, Charles H. Dalton and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Boston Mortgage Company.

Clerk of
courts in
Berkshire
County.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill authorizing the clerk of the courts in Berkshire county to draw clerk-hire from the county treasury, reported that the same ought to pass.

Railroad
crossing in
Lawrence.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the petitions of A. J. Perkins and others, of W. Fiske Gill and others and of I. B. Howard and others, reported a resolve instructing the board of railroad commissioners to examine the crossing of Broadway in Lawrence, by the Boston and Maine Railroad, and report thereon to the next Legislature.

Discharged
female pris-
oners.

Mr. Patch of Boston, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve in aid of discharged female prisoners, reported that the same ought to pass.

These bills and resolves were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the tabular statement of assessors' returns from towns and cities for the year 1872, reported that no legislation is necessary thereon. The report was accepted.

Assessors' returns.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

Further to provide for assessing the expense of relocating highways ;

To incorporate the trustees of the Delta Psi Society of Williams College ;

Relating to the certificates of authority of insurance brokers ;

To facilitate the completion and equipment of the Winthrop Railroad ;

Relating to the Lee and Hudson Railroad Company ;

To authorize the Lowell Horse Railroad Company to increase its capital stock ;

To increase the compensation of assessors of taxes ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Authorizing the construction of a new state prison building ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Whitfield of Fairhaven moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House passed to be engrossed the bill to authorize the town of Manchester to construct a causeway or bridge in said town. After debate the motion was lost by a vote of 44 to 85.

Causeway in Manchester.

On motion of Mr. Billings of Sharon, the vote by which the House accepted the report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw on the petition of Darius M. Foss and 17 others of Sharon, for authority to remove remains from a burial-ground in Sharon, was reconsidered, and on motion of the same gentleman the report was laid on the table.

Burial-ground in Sharon.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Newburyport, the petition of the Baptist Society of Newbury and Newburyport to sell certain property and disband the society, was taken from the table. The House insisted on the suspension of the 19th rule, and the petition was again sent to the Senate.

Baptist Society of Newbury and Newburyport.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Mr. Crocker of Boston, from the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, reported amendments to the bill in relation to insurance companies, and on motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston the bill was laid on the table and the amendments ordered to be printed.

Mr. Woods of Huntington moved to substitute a bill to increase the compensation for support of paupers before removal, for the report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient, on the order relative to amending section 14 of chapter 70 of the General Statutes. The bill was substituted, read and ordered to a second reading.

A bill relating to the tenure of office of selectmen, offered by Mr. Britton of Wakefield, was substituted for the report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient, on an order relative to the expediency of amending the law in relation to election of selectmen of towns, by a vote of 83 to 43. The bill had been amended on motions made by Mr. Hoyt of Athol, and it was read and ordered to a second reading.

The bill authorizing the town of Dartmouth to discontinue a private burial-ground was discussed, and on motion of Mr. Hayes of Medford was laid on the table by a vote of 108 to 4.

The bill to authorize the Fall River, Warren and Providence Railroad Company to mortgage its railroad, and for other purposes, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The title to the bill to authorize the city of Worcester to lay out a public park was amended by adding the words "and to establish and maintain a reservoir," and it was passed to be engrossed in concurrence and sent up for concurrence in that and amendments previously adopted.

The bill to amend the charter of the proprietors of the Odd Fellows' Hall in the city of Boston, was amended on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston, and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence in a new draft, and sent up for concurrence in the amended form.

Bills :

To establish the salary of the Attorney-General ;

To relieve parties affected by the acts of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees, irregularly appointed or licensed, and for other purposes ;

In addition to an act to establish the city of Haverhill (amended) ;

To facilitate the settlement of estates of deceased persons ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill in relation to railroad directors was considered.

An amendment offered by Mr. Ladd of Springfield, providing that no member of the Legislature shall, during the term for which he is elected, be eligible for the position, and one offered by Mr. Bardwell of Deerfield, providing that no person owning stock of or in the employ of the railroad corporation, shall be eligible as a state director were adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Wilson of Boston offered the following order :

Ordered, That whenever it shall appear upon a division of the House that a quorum is not present, it shall be the duty of the Speaker to order the roll of the House to be called and all members not present and answering to their names, who are not detained by sickness or shall not have been properly excused, shall forfeit the sum of ten dollars, which shall be deducted from the compensation which would have otherwise been due to them for attendance at the session of the Legislature.

Mr. Winslow of Newton moved to amend by making the amount \$20 instead of \$10.

The order was laid over by request till to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Boston the House Adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 5, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Read of Westford presented the petition of George Butterfield and 123 others of Westford, in favor of the state assuming the property of the Fitchburg and Vermont and Massachusetts Railroads and running them for the public good ; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Fitchburg &
Vermont
and Massa-
chusetts
R. R. Cos.

Mr. Nowell of Boston, the petition of H. N. Fisher and others of Brookline, for the annexation of that town to Boston, in aid of the petition of W. A. Humphrey and

Annexation
of Brookline
to Boston.

others, having been remonstrants until within a few days ; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

Russell
Gray.

Mr. Codman of Boston, on leave, introduced a resolve in favor of Russell Gray ; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

Papers from the Senate.

Middlesex
R. R. Co.

Notice was received by the Speaker from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House bill concerning the Middlesex Railroad Company.

Annual report of
liquor commissioner.

Ordered, In concurrence, that His Excellency the Governor be requested to furnish to the Legislature a copy of the annual report of the Liquor Commissioner.

General
Statutes.

An order, that the Sergeant-at-Arms be directed to furnish a sufficient number of the last edition of the General Statutes and the supplements thereto, for the use of the Legislature and the committees thereof, came down, and on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston it was referred to the committee on Finance.

Public
schools of
Gay Head.

A resolve granting aid to the town of Gay Head for the support of its public schools, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Taxation of
reservoirs.

The report of the committee on Manufactures (inexpedient) on the order relative to taxing reservoirs, accepted in the Senate, came down and was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Manufacturers' Gas
Co. of Fall
River.

A bill authorizing the increase of the capital stock of the Manufacturers' Gas Company of Fall River, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mary B.
Cowan.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Mary B. Cowan and others, for authority to sell real estate.

Death penalty and
pardoning
power.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to abolishing the death penalty, and restricting the powers of the Governor and Council in pardoning capital offences.

Stable-keepers—lien on
horses.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, also reported inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to the expediency of giving by law the stable-keeper a lien on the horse for his board.

Mr. French of Springfield, from the committee on Horse Railways, reported leave to withdraw on the petitions of John Kennedy, B. P. Bates and others, for an act to authorize the Highland Street Railway Company to run its cars to East Boston. Highland Street Railroad Co.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Mr. Sears of Barnstable, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred the petition of H. N. Holbrook and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Squantum Free Bridge Company. Squantum Free Bridge Company.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill concerning the committing of insane persons to lunatic hospitals. Committal of insane persons.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on Railways, reported a codification of the railroad laws of the state, and on his motion the report was referred to a joint special committee of five members on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join. The Speaker appointed Messrs. Codman of Boston, Soule of Springfield, Barker of Pittsfield, Crocker of Boston and Bacon of Lawrence. Sent up to be joined. Codification of railroad laws.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To supply the town of West Stockbridge with pure water ;

In addition to an act to supply the town of Woburn with pure water ;

Relating to the management of lock-ups ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to widen its bridge across Fort Point Channel and to extend its wharf in said channel in Boston ;

For supplying South Adams with pure water ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

To aid in the suppression of contagious diseases among cattle ;

Authorizing the attorney-general to discontinue certain

legal proceedings against the Eastern and the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Companies ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

In favor of the city of Lawrence ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The bill relating to the tenure of office of selectmen was read. On motion of Mr. Sprague of Framingham it was amended so as to include assessors. On motion of Mr. Ladd of Sturbridge it was amended so as to include overseers of the poor. On motion of Mr. Sears of Barnstable it was amended by adding a new section providing that it shall not take effect in any town until it has been accepted by a majority of the voters thereof. As amended the bill was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Evans of Everett, the bill to incorporate the Boston Mortgage Company, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. White of Plymouth the Senate bill to regulate the taking of smelts was postponed for consideration on Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, the bill to authorize the purchasers of the franchise of the Ware River Railroad Company to organize a corporation and complete the road, was amended, and as amended it was ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad Company to extend its road and to unite with the Rhode Island and Massachusetts Railroad Company ;

To authorize the town of Wakefield to pay bounties to soldiers who served as part of the quota of said town in the recent war ;

Authorizing the clerk of the courts in Berkshire county to draw clerk-hire from the county treasury ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Resolves :

In aid of discharged female prisoners ;

Instructing the board of railroad commissioners to examine the crossing of Broadway in Lawrence, by the Boston and Maine Railroad, and report thereon to the next Legislature ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the Fall River, Warren and Providence Railroad Company to mortgage its railroad and for other purposes, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Granger of Boston, the House Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 7, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Codman of Boston, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the city of Boston to build an additional reservoir; which was referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, and sent up for concurrence.

Boston—additional reservoir.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, on leave, introduced a bill vesting street railway tracks in the towns and cities where the same are located, providing for the formation of street car companies by general law, and for other purposes; which was referred to the next General Court, and ordered to be printed.

General street railway law.

Papers from the Senate.

A resolve relating to the purchase of land for a campground for the militia, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Campground for the militia.

A resolve in favor of Charles J. Cox, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Charles J. Cox.

The remonstrance of George W. Littlefield and 156 others of East Stoughton, against the petition of E. W. Thayer and others of Holbrook, for relocation of a portion of the Old Colony Railroad, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Old Colony R. R. Co.

The report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions (inexpedient) on an order in relation to so much of the Governor's address as relates to the state charities, accepted in the Senate, came down and was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

State charities.

Bills :

Drainage in
Lexington.

To authorize the town of Lexington to drain the meadows near the central village ;

Gloucester
Harbor—
pilotage.

Concerning pilotage for the harbor of Gloucester, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and ordered to a second reading.

Haverhill
bridge.

Mr. Clark of Newburyport, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, reported a bill concerning the rebuilding of the Haverhill bridge. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The reports of the committee on the Judiciary (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Mary B. Cowan and others, for authority to sell real estate ;

Inexpedient on an order relative to abolishing the death penalty, and restricting the powers of the Governor and Council in pardoning capital offences ; and

Inexpedient on an order relative to the expediency of giving by law the stable-keeper a lien on the horse for his board, were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on Horse Railways (leave to withdraw) on the petitions of John Kennedy, B. P. Bates and others, for an act to authorize the Highland Street Railway Company to run its cars to East Boston, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Manufactures (inexpedient) on the order relative to taxing reservoirs, was accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cook of Boston the bill to incorporate the Squantum Free Bridge Company was postponed until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River the bill authorizing an increase of the capital stock of the Manufacturers' Gas Company of Fall River, was postponed until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Boston the bill concerning the committing of insane persons to lunatic hospitals was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Sent up for concurrence.

The bill to authorize the purchasers of the franchise of the Ware River Railroad Company to organize a corporation and complete the road was read, amended on motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, and as amended it was passed to be engrossed. On motion of the same gentleman the

rule was suspended requiring the Clerk to retain the bill for proposes of reconsideration, and it was sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Crocker of Boston, from the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, reported amendments to the bill to authorize the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad Company to extend its road and to unite with the Rhode Island and Massachusetts Railroad Company. The amendments were adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent for concurrence.

Bills :

To increase the compensation for support of paupers before removal ;

To authorize the town of Wakefield to pay bounties to soldiers who served as part of the quota of said town in the recent war ;

Authorizing the clerk of the courts in Berkshire County to draw clerk-hire from the county treasury, were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolves :

In aid of discharged female prisoners ;

Instructing the Board of Railroad Commissioners to examine the crossing of Broadway in Lawrence by the Boston and Maine Railroad, and report thereon to the next legislature ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown the order relative to securing a quorum at the sessions of the House was taken from the table and considered. It was amended on motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton to make the forfeit for being absent \$20 instead of \$10, and on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth so that the portion concerning a forfeit was stricken out and a provision added that the Clerk cause the names of members present and of absentees to be printed in the daily papers. As amended the order was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston the bill in relation to insurance companies was taken from the table. It was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown the bill authorizing the town of Dartmouth to discontinue a private burial-ground ; and

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Darius M. Foss and 17 others of Sharon, for authority to remove remains from a burial-ground in Sharon;

Were severally taken from the table and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Sears of Barnstable, the House Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 8, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

J. Willard
Rice.

Mr. Winslow of Newton presented the petition of J. Willard Rice of Newton, for refunding of a tax on bank shares paid twice; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Annexation
of Dudley
to Webster.

Mr. Waters of Webster, the remonstrance of Charles Nye and others of Dudley, against the annexation of that town to Webster; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Order of the
House.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That the order adopted March 24th as follows: "that hereafter, on a motion to adjourn, and when upon a count of the House, it appears that a quorum is not present, a roll call of the members shall immediately be called," be and hereby is rescinded.

Papers from the Senate.

Hospital for
the insane.

A bill to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Interests of
pilots.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of John Holmes, Jr., et al., for the protection of the interests of the pilots of the Commonwealth, accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Amos Cum-
mings.

Mr. Splaine of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, to whom was recommitted the petition of Amos Cummings, reported a resolve in favor of said Cummings; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the resolves concerning the Boston and Albany Railroad Company passed by the town of Weymouth at their last annual town meeting, reported that the same be referred to the next General Court.

Boston and
Albany
R. R. Co.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Edward Crane and associates, to be incorporated as the Boston and Albany Trust Company, with a capital of \$30,000,000.

Boston and
Albany
Trust Co.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the order relative to freight charges on lime, hay and coal by the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and enclosed a communication from the board of railroad commissioners.

Boston and
Albany
Railroad—
freight
charges.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill concerning repairs upon private streets and ways, reported that the same ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Private
streets and
ways.

Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, from the committee on Railways, reported a bill in addition to an act to regulate freight charges on railroads.

Freight
charges on
railroads.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, reported a bill to authorize the Springfield, Athol and North-Eastern Railroad Company to extend its road and to mortgage a portion thereof.

Springfield,
Athol and
North-East-
ern R. R. Co.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to authorize the city of Boston to appropriate money for the relief of disabled firemen and the families of those killed.

Boston—
disabled
firemen.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the same committee, reported a bill to confirm the proceedings of the town of Barnstable in abolishing the school district system.

Barnstable
—school dis-
trict system.

Mr. Chapin of Holyoke, from the committee on Finance, reported that the resolve in favor of Russell Gray, ought to pass.

Russell
Gray.

Mr. Billings of Sharon, from the committee on Education, to whom was referred the report of the board of education, reported a bill relating to the employment of children and regulations respecting them.

Employ-
ment and
schooling
of children.

Brookline
—Muddy
River.

Mr. Seaver of West Roxbury, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was referred the petition of the town of Brookline for changing the channel of Muddy River, reported a bill to amend chapter 267 of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

Truant chil-
dren.

Mr. Marden of Lowell, from the committee on Education, reported a bill concerning truant children and absentees from school.

These bills and resolves were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

School fund
appropri-
ation bill.

Mr. Sanford of Attleborough, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill making appropriations from the income of certain funds, and also from the moiety of the income of the school fund applicable to educational purposes, reported that the bill ought to pass with the following amendments: In the first section, substituting fifty-two thousand dollars in place of fifty-four thousand, and three thousand dollars in place of five thousand dollars. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Walter and
Francis
Shanly.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolves in favor of Walter and Francis Shanly, reported that the same ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

General
Statutes.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate order for furnishing copies of the last edition of the General Statutes and the supplements thereto for the use of the Legislature, reported that the same ought to be adopted in a new form. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills:

In addition to an act to authorize the formation of insurance companies, and for other purposes;

In addition to an act incorporating the Massachusetts Institute of Technology;

Relating to easements;

Relating to assistant clerks of courts;

Authorizing the organization of corporations to be common carriers of persons;

Providing for the organization of corporations for musical purposes;

Relating to dividends of certain mutual fire insurance companies;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

To amend the charter of the city of Worcester relative to the purchase and control of city property ;
(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

The report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient, on an order in relation to so much of the Governor's address as relates to the state charities, was accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Mason of Plymouth, the bill to incorporate the Squantum Free Bridge Company, was postponed till to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, the bill authorizing an increase of the capital stock of the Manufacturers' Gas Company of Fall River, was laid on the table.

The Senate bill in relation to insurance companies was read and considered.

Amendments offered by Mr. Crocker of Boston, from the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, by Mr. Bigelow of Boston, Mr. Nowell of Boston and Mr. Hayes of Medford were adopted, and on motion of Mr. Soule of Springfield the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Bills :

To regulate the taking of smelts ;

Concerning the rebuilding of the Haverhill Bridge ;

To authorize the town of Lexington to drain the meadows near the central village ;

Concerning pilotage for the harbor of Gloucester ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, the vote by which the House referred to the committee on the Judiciary the bill authorizing the town of Dartmouth to discontinue a private burial-ground, was reconsidered, and the bill was recommitted to the committee on Towns.

Dartmouth
—private
burial-
ground.

On motion of the same gentleman, the report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, inexpedient, on the order relative to requiring the county commissioners of Middlesex County to assess the expense of maintaining certain bridges over Charles and Mystic rivers upon the towns and cities benefited by said bridges, and the bill proposed as a substitute therefor, were taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Charles
River and
Warren
bridges.

On motions made by Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the report of the committee on Railways, inexpedient on the communication of the board of agriculture concerning tariff for freight, and the bill to authorize the raising of the grade of certain lands in the city of Boston, for the purpose of preserving the public health in said city, were severally taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the petition of E. B. Perkins, for leave to extend a wharf in Salem, was taken from the table and referred to the next General Court.

On motion of Mr. Higgins of Orleans, the House Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 9, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Newton—
city charter.

Mr. Winslow of Newton presented the petition of the town of Newton for a city charter; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Ira Litch-
field.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth, the petition of Ira Litchfield, et al., that a tax on bank shares paid twice should be refunded; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Phillips of Salem offered the following order, which was referred to the committee on the State House:—

Additional
committee
rooms.

Ordered, That the rooms now occupied by the State Insurance Department shall, when vacated, be reserved for the use of committees of the Legislature.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Registry of
deeds for
Worcester
County.

Mr. Wallace of Fitchburg presented the petition of Joseph Hagar and 45 others of Westminster, for an additional office for the registry of deeds in Worcester County; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Do.

Mr. Walker of Templeton, the remonstrance of E. Wyman Stone and 65 others of Templeton, against having that town included in the new registry district in the proposed Northern Worcester district; which was referred to the same committee.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills:

Clerks of
courts.

To authorize clerks of courts to issue notice in certain cases;

To amend chapter 277 of the acts of 1868, relative to a nuisance in Boston ;

Passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills :

To authorize the South Boston Railroad Company to increase its capital stock ;

South Boston R.R. Co.

Requiring returns in relation to steam-boilers ;

Steam-boilers.

To incorporate the Chapin Banking and Trust Company of Springfield ;

Chapin Banking & Trust Co.

Which had severally been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and ordered to a second reading.

The Senate bill authorizing the commissioners on Public Lands to sell land to the city of Boston for school purposes, came down, and on motion of Mr. Hayden of Boston, the rule was suspended and the bill took its several readings and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Boston—land for school purposes.

Notice was received by the Speaker from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House bill to create the office of auditor for the superior court in Suffolk County.

Auditor for superior court, Suffolk County.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill to provide uniforms for the cadets of the State Agricultural College ; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

Agricultural College—military uniforms.

Mr. Sanger of Danvers, from the committee on Education, to whom was referred the bill to establish a half mill school fund, and to distribute the same with the income of the Massachusetts School Fund for the support of schools, reported that the same ought to pass. Referred to the committee on Finance.

Half-mill school fund.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to the expediency of altering or amending the bill to limit the service of jurors in the county of Suffolk.

Jurors in Suffolk County.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported inexpedient on an order relative to the justice and expediency of increasing the penalties for drunkenness, and of making some provision for the families of inebriates whilst the latter are imprisoned in jails, houses of correction or work-houses.

Drunkenness.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill from the same committee, reported, inexpedient, on the order relative to the trial of paupers at state almshouses.

Trials of state paupers.

Literary
and benevo-
lent asso-
ciations.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the same committee reported inexpedient, on an order relative to the expediency of legislating upon the organization of associations of a literary and benevolent character.

Taxation.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the same committee, reported inexpedient, on an order relative to the expediency of amending chapter 211 of the acts of the year 1868 and chapter 443 of the acts of the year 1869, concerning taxation in certain cases.

Groton—
high school.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw, on the petition of Josiah K. Bennett and 32 others, praying that the town of Groton may be relieved from liability to maintain a high school.

Law of set-
tlement.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw, on the petition of George E. Ellis and others, praying for a change in the law of settlement.

Pond and
Dunklee.

Mr. Dudley of Northampton, from the committee on Claims, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Messrs. Pond and Dunklee, praying for additional compensation, with interest, for work and materials used in repairs on the State House.

Alien pas-
sengers.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the order to ascertain and report the probable amount of expense incurred by towns, and payable out of the treasury of the Commonwealth, under chapter 189 of the acts of 1872; and also how much of that expense is due to the repeal of the laws regulating the admission of alien passengers, reported that they had considered the same and submitted for the consideration of the House a letter from Dr. Wheelwright, which contained all the information now to be obtained upon the subject. The report and letter were ordered to be printed.

Benjamin
H. Mann.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Benjamin H. Mann, M. D., for compensation for services performed on the staff of Brig.-Gen. I. S. Burrill.

Surgeon-
General.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the annual report of the Surgeon-General, reported that no legislation is necessary thereon.

Gloucester
—Granite
Cove.

Mr. Creesey of Salem, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Hooper and others, for the repeal of an act concerning Granite Cove, reported that the same be referred to the next General Court.

Mr. Purrington of Mattapoisett, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of E. W. Upton and others, praying for the annexation of Peabody to the city of Salem, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Annexation of Peabody to Salem.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill in relation to betterments in the city of Fitchburg, reported that the same ought not to pass. Fitchburg—betterments.

Mr. Jenkins of Abington, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill concerning commercial fertilizers, asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. The report was accepted, and the bill placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for its second reading. Commercial fertilizers.

Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on Printing, reported an order relative to printing 1,000 extra copies of the report of the committee on Prisons relative to a classification of jails, etc., which was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Classification of jails and work-houses.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Senate resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to appoint a commission to examine the subject of insurance, reported that the same ought not to pass. The resolve was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Commission on insurance.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Senate resolve granting aid to the town of Gay Head for the support of its public schools, reported that the same ought to pass. Read and ordered to a second reading. Gay Head—public schools.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to extend the time within which fire inquests may be held. Fire inquests.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the same committee, reported a bill in addition to an act relating to assessment of taxes omitted in the annual taxation. Assessment of taxes.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the committee on Finance, reported a resolve in favor of the Deep Bottom Tribe of Indians. Deep Bottom tribe of Indians.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, from the committee on Old Colony Wharf Co.

Mercantile Affairs, reported a bill to incorporate the Old Colony Wharf Company.

Winchester
water supply.

Mr. Bardwell of Deerfield, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, to whom was referred the Senate bill in addition to an act to supply the town of Winchester with pure water, reported the same in a new draft.

Essex Me-
chanics' As-
sociation.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reported a bill to incorporate the Essex Mechanics' Association.

Commis-
sion on
drainage,
&c.

Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, reported a bill to provide for a commission on the subject of grade, streets, drainage and water supply for certain cities and towns.

Attendance
of children
at school.

Mr. Field of Leominster, from the committee on Education, reported a bill to amend the first and second sections of chapter forty-one of the General Statutes, relating to the attendance of the children at school.

New Eng-
land Lodge,
I. O. O. F.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reported a bill to incorporate the New England Lodge Associates in the city of Cambridge.

Bridgewa-
ter—state
normal
school.

Mr. Chapin of Holyoke, from the committee on Finance, reported a resolve in favor of the State Normal School at Bridgewater.

Water
rights.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to amend an act entitled "An act to authorize cities and towns to purchase water rights."

Mystic
River—har-
bor lines.

Mr. Sprague of Framingham, from the committee on Harbors, reported a bill to establish harbor lines on Mystic River between the bridge of the Eastern Railroad Company and the bridge of the Boston and Maine Railroad.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported a resolve relating to Malden River.

Chelsea—
school com-
mittee.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill concerning the election of school committee in the city of Chelsea.

Fall River—
city charter.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill to amend the charter of the city of Fall River, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment thereto.

These bills and resolves were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize the North Parish in Weymouth to sell parsonage lands ;

Concerning the purchase of milk and the size of milk-cans ;

Authorizing the Plymouth county commissioners to lay out a highway over a portion of a burying-ground in North Bridgewater ;

In addition to an act concerning the Brookline Gas Company ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed resolve in favor of Murdoch Matheson (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill in relation to insurance was indefinitely postponed. The motion was carried and the bill was laid on the table. Standard insurance policy.

On motion of Mr. Holmes of Fall River, the bill to incorporate the Boston Mortgage Company, was taken from the table, and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Boston Mortgage Co.

On motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton, the report of the committee on Prisons, relative to the classification of the jails and workhouses of the state, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Jails and work-houses.

On motion of Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge, the bill in addition to the acts relating to the Arlington Lake Water Company, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Arlington Lake Water Co.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River the bill authorizing an increase of the capital stock of the Manufacturers' Gas Company of Fall River, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Fall River—gas com-pany.

On motion of Mr. Sears of Barnstable, the bill to confirm the proceedings of the town of Barnstable in abolishing the school district system, was discharged from the orders of the day, the rule was suspended and the bill was ordered to a third reading and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. School districts in Barnstable.

The orders of the day were taken up. Orders of the day.

The reports,

Of the committee on Railways, inexpedient, on the communication of the board of agriculture concerning tariff for freight ;

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the resolves concerning the Boston and Albany Railroad Company passed by the town of Weymouth at their last annual town meeting;

Of the same committee, asking to be discharged from further consideration, on the order relative to freight charges on lime, hay and coal by the Boston and Albany Railroad Company;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Hutchinson of Boston proposed a bill to incorporate the Boston and Albany Trust Company, as a substitute for the report of the committee on Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward Crane and associates, to be incorporated as the Boston and Albany Trust Company, with a capital of \$30,000,000. The bill was read and Mr. Barker of Pittsfield raised the point of order that inasmuch as the bill embraced provisions not covered by the petition, it was not germane and could not properly be considered. The Speaker decided that the point was well taken, and the bill was ruled out. The report of the committee was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs on the petition of John Holmes, Jr., et al., for the protection of the interests of the pilots of the Commonwealth, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill concerning repairs upon private streets and ways, was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Sears of Barnstable, the bill to incorporate the Squantum Free Bridge Company, was postponed until to-morrow.

The bill to authorize the raising of the grade of certain lands in the city of Boston, for the purpose of preserving the public health in said city, was considered and debated at length.

Mr. Nowell of Boston withdrew his amendment.

Mr. Hayes of Boston withdrew an amendment, and offered another, and finally on his motion the bill was re-committed to the committee on the Judiciary with authority to report generally or as to any particular district or locality in the city of Boston.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Newburyport, the report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, inexpedient, on the order relative to requiring the county commissioners of Middlesex County to assess the expense of maintaining

certain bridges over Charles and Mystic rivers upon the towns and cities benefited by said bridges, was postponed until to-morrow.

The bill making appropriations from the income of certain funds, and also from the moiety of the income of the school fund applicable to educational purposes, was read, amendments offered by the committee on Finance were adopted, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

In addition to an act to regulate freight charges on railroads ;

To authorize the Springfield, Athol and North-Eastern Railroad Company to extend its road and to mortgage a portion thereof ;

To authorize the city of Boston to appropriate money for the relief of disabled firemen and the families of those killed ;

Relating to the employment of children and regulations respecting them ;

To amend chapter 267 of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve in favor of Russell Gray was also read and ordered to a third reading.

The order for furnishing forty copies of the last edition of the General Statutes and the supplements thereto for the use of the legislature was adopted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the town of Lexington to drain the meadows near the central village ; and the bill

Concerning pilotage for the harbor of Gloucester ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The resolves in favor of Walter and Francis Shanly were considered, and pending the consideration of the same, on motion of Mr. Hoyt of Athol the House

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 10, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Hudson—
grades of
streets.

Mr. Hurlbut of Sudbury presented the petition of the selectmen of the town of Hudson, for legislation to prevent changing the grades of streets in that town by certain railroad corporations; which was received under a suspension of the 19th joint rule and referred to the committee on Railways.

Lowell and
Fitchburg
R. R. Cos.—
consoli-
dation.

Mr. Moore of Concord, the remonstrance of John M. Gourgas and others of Concord, against the consolidation of the Lowell and Fitchburg Railroads; which was referred to the same committee.

These papers were sent up for concurrence.

Boston—
grade law.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth presented the petition of the mayor of Boston, for an amendment in restriction of the pending grade bill; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Worcester
lunatic hos-
pital.

Mr. Stedman of Boston, on leave, introduced a resolve in regard to the Worcester Lunatic Hospital; which was referred to the same committee.

Papers from the Senate.

Superior
court.

A bill to allow trials in the superior court instead of before sheriffs' juries, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Street rail-
way corpo-
rations.

A bill in addition to an act concerning street railway corporations, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was referred to the next General Court.

Sale of eggs
by weight.

A notice was received by the Speaker that the House bill to regulate the sale of eggs had been rejected by the Senate.

Bills :

Boston and
Albany
Railroad.

To authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, to change the location of its railroad in the towns of Russell and Montgomery;

Estates of
deceased
persons.

To expedite the settlement of estates of deceased persons;

Passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and ordered to a second reading.

Criminal in-
sane.

The report of the committee on Prisons (inexpedient) on the order to inquire into the expediency of making

arrangements in the contemplated new state prison for the confinement and treatment of the criminal insane, accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Hanson of Peabody, from the joint special committee on the Liquor Law, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Rodney French and others, against an increase of the state constabulary under the authority of the present board of police commissioners. State police.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of George S. Ball and others, for an increase of the state police. Do.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, also reported leave to withdraw on the memorial of Daniel Holt and others, for the impartial execution of the laws. Do.

Mr. Kendrick of Worcester, from the committee on Towns, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of H. H. Stevens and others, praying for the annexation of the town of Dudley to the town of Webster. Annexation of Dudley to Webster.

Messrs. Griffin and Packard of the Senate and Messrs. Parker of New Bedford, Scott of Blackstone, Parker of Northborough, and Stetson of Quincy, a majority of the committee on the Labor Question, reported inexpedient to legislate on the petitions in favor of a ten-hour law to govern the employment of women and minors under eighteen years of age. A minority of the committee, consisting of Mr. Thompson of the Senate, and Messrs. Berdge of Lynn, Capen of Stoughton, Griffin of Gloucester and Bowker of Boston, reported a bill to regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments. Ten-hour law.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the committee on Finance, reported, that, if passed, the resolve establishing a state normal art school should be in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading. State normal art school.

Mr. Stedman of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the bill giving trial justices of juvenile offenders jurisdiction in matters relating to insane persons, reported the same in a new draft. Insane persons—jurisdiction.

Mr. Nowell of Boston, from the committee on Towns, reported a bill to authorize the town of Newton to aid the Newton Cemetery Corporation. Newton—cemetery corporation.

Attleboro'—
water sup-
ply.

Mr. Studley of Charlestown, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, to whom was referred the petition of D. H. Smith and others of Attleborough, reported a bill to supply the village of Attleborough with water for the extinguishment of fires, and for other purposes.

Boston—
annexation
of West
Roxbury.

Mr. Nowell of Boston, from the committee on Towns, reported a bill to unite the city of Boston and the town of West Roxbury.

Taxation of
bank shares.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the annual report of the Tax Commissioner, and also an order relative to a modification of the law relative to the taxation of bank shares by Insurance Companies, reported a bill relating to the taxation of bank shares.

Lexington
Water Co.

Mr. Waters of Webster, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, reported a bill to establish the Lexington Water Company.

Practice of
pharmacy.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to regulate the practice of pharmacy in this Commonwealth.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To establish a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Springfield and Agawam ;

To prohibit the drawing of any seine or drag-net near the mouth of the Gay Head Herring Creek ;

Relating to the annual returns of railroad and street railway corporations ;

To provide uniforms for the officers of the state prison ;
(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To authorize the city of Worcester to lay out a public park and to establish and maintain a reservoir ;

To authorize the Fall River, Warren and Providence Railroad Company to mortgage its railroad, and for other purposes ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Wrentham
— bi-centen-
nial.

On motion of Mr. Ide of Medway the petition of W. C. Covell and 70 others of Wrentham, to authorize the town of Wrentham to appropriate money for a bi-centen-

nial celebration, was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

The reports of the committee on the Judiciary,

Inexpedient, on an order relative to the expediency of altering or amending the bill to limit the service of jurors in the county of Suffolk ;

Inexpedient, on the order relative to the trial of paupers at state almshouses ;

Inexpedient, on an order relative to the expediency of legislating upon the organization of associations of a literary and benevolent character ; and

Inexpedient, on an order relative to the expediency of amending chapter 211 of the acts of the year 1868, and chapter 443 of the acts of the year 1869, concerning taxation in certain cases,

Were severally accepted.

The reports

Of the committee on Prisons (reference to the next General Court) relative to the classification of the jails and workhouses of the state ;

Of the committee on Claims (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Messrs. Pond and Dunklee, praying for additional compensation, with interest, for work and materials used in repairs on the State House ;

Of the committee on Military Affairs (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Benjamin H. Mann, M. D., for compensation for services performed on the staff of Brigadier-General I. S. Burrill ;

Of the committee on Harbors (reference to the next General Court) on the petition of Robert Hooper and others for the repeal of an act concerning Granite Cove ;

Of the committee on Towns (leave to withdraw) on the petition of E. W. Upton and others, praying for the annexation of Peabody to the city of Salem ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Finance (inexpedient) on the order to ascertain and report the probable amount of expense incurred by towns, and payable out of the treasury of the Commonwealth, under chapter 189 of the acts of 1872 ; and also how much of that expense is due to the repeal of the laws regulating the admission of alien passengers, was accepted.

The Senate bill in relation to betterments in the city of Fitchburg was rejected.

The order for printing 1,000 extra copies of the report of the committee on Prisons relative to a classification of jails, etc., was adopted.

The resolves in favor of Walter and Francis Shanly were discussed. The House refused to reject the resolves and they were ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, the report of the committee on Roads and Bridges (inexpedient) on the order relative to requiring the county commissioners of Middlesex County to assess the expense of maintaining certain bridges over Charles and Mystic rivers upon the towns and cities benefited by said bridges, was postponed until to-morrow.

Bills :

To incorporate the Squantum Free Bridge Company ;

To establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth ;

Concerning truant children and absentees from school ;

To extend the time within which fire inquests may be held ;

In addition to an act relating to assessment of taxes omitted in the annual taxation ;

To incorporate the Essex Mechanics' Association ;

To amend an act entitled an act to authorize cities and towns to purchase water rights ;

To establish harbor lines on Mystic River between the bridge of the Eastern Railroad Company and the bridge of the Boston and Maine Railroad ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Resolves :

Relating to Malden River ;

In favor of the state normal school at Bridgewater ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to regulate the taking of smelts was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills :

Concerning the rebuilding of the Haverhill Bridge ;

In addition to an act to regulate freight charges on railroads ;

Making appropriations from the income of certain funds, and also from the moiety of the income of the school fund, applicable to educational purposes ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve in favor of Russell Gray was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Evans of Everett, the House Adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 11, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The Speaker called Mr. Codman of Boston to the chair.

On motion of Mr. Berdge of Lynn,—

Ordered, That that the joint committee on Printing consider the expediency of binding the report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor in the usual manner. Sent up for concurrence. Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Papers from the Senate.

The reports,

Of the committee on Education, on the order to inquire if section 4 of chapter 285 of the acts of 1867 has been complied with;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Salem Oratorio Society for an act of incorporation; Salem Oratorio Society.

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Major Dexter H. Follett, commanding the 1st Battery Light Artillery, M.V.M., for an appropriation for new uniforms for his command; 1st Battalion Light Artillery.

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of B. F. Finan for compensation for damage to uniforms of the 9th Regiment, M.V.M.; 9th Reg't.

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of William Evans and others, captains of the 1st Regiment of Infantry, M.V.M., for uniforms; and 1st Reg't.

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles S. Babcock and others, for an allowance for uniforms; Charles S. Babcock.

Severally accepted in the Senate, came down and were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Purrington of Mattapoisett, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition W. W. Mer-

Charles-town—annexation to Somerville.

rick and others, praying that a portion of the city of Charlestown should be annexed to the city of Somerville, reported that the same be referred to the next General Court. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Lowell and
Andover
Railroad.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the bill relating to the Lowell and Andover Railroad Company, reported that the same ought not to pass, the objects sought by the bill having been provided for by a general law. The bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

State agri-
cultural col-
lege—uni-
forms for
cadets.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill to provide uniforms for the cadets of the State Agricultural College, reported that the same ought not to pass.

Amos Cum-
mings.

Mr. Patch of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of Amos Cummings, reported that the same ought to pass. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

Authorizing notaries-public to administer oaths ;

To regulate the leasing of great ponds for the purpose of cultivating useful fishes ;

To authorize cities and towns to establish hospitals ;

Giving the consent of the Commonwealth to the United States for the purchase of additional land in the city of Boston for the sub-treasury and post-office site ;

Concerning sewers and drains in the city of Boston ;

To authorize the commissioners on the West Boston and Cragie or Canal bridges, to construct and widen Cragie or Canal Bridge ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The report of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of H. H. Stevens and others, praying for the annexation of the town of Dudley to the town of Webster, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient, on the order to inquire into the expediency of making arrangements in the contemplated new state prison for the confinement and treatment of the criminal insane, was accepted in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, that no legislation is necessary, on the annual report of the Surgeon-General, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, inexpedient, on the order relative to requiring the county commissioners of Middlesex County to assess the expense of maintaining certain bridges over Charles and Mystic rivers upon the towns and cities benefited by said bridges, was considered.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown proposed a bill concerning Charles and Warren bridges as a substitute. After debate the bill was substituted, by a vote of 72 to 70.

The yeas and nays were called for on this question, and they were ordered. The roll was called and the bill was substituted by a vote of 97 yeas to 77 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Horace C. Bacon,
Andrew J. Bailey,
William Baker,
George W. Bardwell,
Elijah E. Belding,
Ezekiel D. Bement,
Austin W. Benton,
John Bigelow,
Sanford W. Billings,
William E. Blunt,
Franklin Bonney,
Richard F. Briggs,
Addison Burnett,
Henry B. Chamberlin,
John B. D. Cogswell,
William H. Cook,
Robert Couch,
Charles Crittenden,
George G. Crocker,
Ben. C. Currier,
John Cushing,
Joshua W. Davis,
I. W. Derby,
Seymour B. Dewey,
Lewis J. Dudley,
George O. Fairbanks,
C. C. Field,
Harrison O. Field,
John H. Fisher,

Messrs. H. M. French,
Brownell Granger,
Fitz E. Griffin,
John W. Hammond,
Simeon Hardy,
David P. Hatch,
Lewis Hayden,
Samuel S. Haynes,
Benjamin Heath,
Samuel W. Heath,
Lot Higgins,
Samuel E. Hildreth,
Charles J. Holmes,
David P. Howes,
George H. Hoyt,
Richard H. Humphrey,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Edward J. Jones,
Thomas M. Judd,
Jesse E. Keith,
Lucius W. Knight,
Charles R. Ladd,
Almond R. Lancaster,
Willard Lewis,
George A. Marden,
Samuel W. McDaniel,
Thomas J. Morgan,
Asa P. Morse,
Weaver Osborn,

Messrs. Liberty D. Packard,	Messrs. Reuben G. Sparks,
Albert Palmer,	Henry Splaine,
William C. Parker, Jr.,	Oliver M. Stacey,
John Perkins,	Francis D. Stedman,
Willard P. Phillips,	John H. Studley,
Francis E. Porter,	Andrew H. Sweet,
William Roberts,	Charles Talbot,
George T. Ryder,	James G. Tarr,
John Samson,	William Taylor,
George J. Sanger,	Joseph A. Titus,
George P. Sanger,	William N. Walker,
Amos J. Saunders,	Rodney Wallace,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,	Tisdale S. White,
Augustus J. Sawyer,	William H. Whitfield,
Roger H. Scannell,	George H. Whitman,
Robert Seaver,	Austin Whitney,
Henry P. Shattuck,	Robert B. Wiley,
Henry C. Skinner,	Oliver Wolcott,
James Smith,	Elijah N. Woods.
Joshua B. Smith,	

NAYS.

Messrs. Francis R. Allen,	Messrs. Alonzo H. Evans,
Walter B. Allen,	John E. Fitzgerald,
John M. Batchelder,	John W. Fletcher,
Hiram Berry,	William Frost,
Edward L. Bigelow,	John Gates,
Dennis Bonner,	Charles A. Gleason,
James W. Bradley,	Asa H. Goddard,
Bowman B. Breed,	A. J. Gove,
Richard Britton,	Charles V. Hanson,
Giles E. Brownell,	George H. Harlow,
Moses L. Buck,	Benjamin F. Hayes,
William H. Buck,	Francis B. Hayes,
Henry Burt,	Amos Hill,
Jacob B. Calley,	Henry B. Hill,
Adam Capen, Jr.,	John W. Hollis,
Sumner Carruth,	Barney Hull,
Albe C. Clark,	Thomas P. Hurlbut,
Francis W. Clark,	Alexis W. Ide,
George W. Clark,	Thomas Ingalls,
Alfred A. Clatur,	Jonathan Johnson,
John S. Coney,	George P. Kendrick,
George Copeland,	William H. Loughlin,
William A. Creesy,	Elijah Marion,
Daniel A. Cronin,	Edward McCleave,
John Cummings,	John B. Moore,
George J. Dean,	C. D. Morse,
Joseph Dyer,	Lewis R. Norton,
Henderson J. Edwards,	Hiram Packard,

Messrs. John B. Parker,
Rodolphus Porter,
John W. Regan,
Philip H. Robinson,
Edward Sanford,
Joseph L. Sargent,
John C. Scott,
Nathaniel Sears,
Amos W. Shumway,
A. L. Soule,
Franklin H. Sprague,

Messrs. James A. Stetson,
William Stewart,
William B. Stone,
Marcus Truesdell,
Q. A. Vinal,
Edward F. Watson,
T. W. Wellington,
Benjamin F. Wing,
Samuel Winslow,
Moses D. Woodbury.

Yeas, 97; nays, 77.

The bill was read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills:

To incorporate the Old Colony Wharf Company;

To incorporate the New England Lodge Associates in the city of Cambridge;

Concerning the election of school committee in the city of Chelsea;

To supply the village of Attleborough with water, for the extinguishment of fires and for other purposes;

To expedite the settlement of estates of deceased persons;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Crocker of Boston, from the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, proposed amendments to the bill to authorize the city of Boston to appropriate money for the relief of disabled firemen and the families of those killed, which were adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To authorize the Springfield, Athol and North-Eastern Railroad Company to extend its road and to mortgage a portion thereof;

To extend the time within which fire inquests may be held;

In addition to an act relating to assessment of taxes omitted in the annual taxation;

To incorporate the Essex Mechanics' Association;

To amend an act entitled an act to authorize cities and towns to purchase water rights;

To establish harbor lines on Mystic River between the bridge of the Eastern Railroad Company and the bridge of the Boston and Maine Railroad;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Boston Mortgage Company was read and debated.

During the discussion Mr. Bailey of Charlestown obtained the floor and moved to adjourn. The motion was lost by a vote of 59 to 61.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol secured the floor, and Mr. Cook of Boston called for the yeas and nays on the motion to adjourn.

The Speaker decided that Mr. Hoyt of Athol had the floor and that Mr. Cook's motion could not be entertained.

Mr. Cook raised the point of order that Mr. Hoyt had simply asked a question and been answered, and claimed that his motion should have been considered. He appealed from the decision of the Speaker, and the House sustained the Speaker.

Subsequently, while Mr. Hoyt was speaking, Mr. Bailey raised the point of order that no quorum was present, consequently the House could not proceed with its business. A count was called for and made, a quorum of the members were not present, and the House

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 12, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Joseph B.
Bowker.

A resolve in favor of Joseph B. Bowker, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Leasing and
location of
railroads,
&c.

An order relative to amending or repealing chapter 180 of the laws of 1872, adopted in the Senate, was referred under the 19th joint rule to the next General Court.

Essex
County
commissioners.

A resolve to authorize the county commissioners for the county of Essex to borrow money, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons.

Bills :

Inspectors
of provisions.

In addition to an act to provide for the appointment of inspectors of provisions in cities and towns ;

To amend chapter 371 of the laws of 1872, relating to the inspection and regulation of buildings in the city of Boston, and for other purposes ; Boston—building act.

Passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The reports,

Of the committee on Towns (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Judson Chapin and others, for a division of the town of West Roxbury ; Division of West Roxbury.

Of the committee on Claims (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Enoch Sanford, for refunding of taxes on bank shares ; and Enoch Sanford.

Of the committee on Expenditures on the order relative to securities in charge of the Treasurer and Receiver-General ;

Severally accepted in the Senate, came down and were read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

A bill to change certain harbor lines in Fort Point Channel, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading. Fort Point channel.

Mr. Sprague of Framingham, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was referred the petition of the Boston and Maine Railroad, for the right to construct wharves on Mystic River and connect the same with its main line by a branch track, reported that the same be referred to the next General Court. Boston and Maine R. R.

Mr. Wilson of Boston, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the city of Cambridge, for such legislation as shall secure forever the present area of Charles River Basin. Charles River Basin.

These reports were read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Mr. Wilson of Boston, from the committee on Harbors, also reported a bill to establish harbor lines on Charles River. Read and ordered to a second reading. Charles River—harbor lines.

The following order laid over since yesterday, offered by Mr. Whitman of Billerica, was considered :

Ordered, That on and after Tuesday, April 15, two sessions be held daily, beginning at 11 A. M. and 2 P. M., except on Mondays and Saturdays. Two sessions a day.

Mr. Phillips of Salem moved that the order be referred for consideration to a special committee of five.

Mr. Winslow of Newton moved to amend by making the

date April 22 instead of April 15. The motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem was carried, and the Speaker appointed Messrs. Whitman of Billerica, Phillips of Salem, Codman of Boston, Cogswell of Yarmouth and Winslow of Newton, as the committee.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To protect the shores and beaches in Scituate ;

To authorize the Cary Improvement Company to construct a bridge across Chelsea Creek ;

To extend the charter of the Lynn Mutual Fire Insurance Company ;

To authorize the town of Manchester to construct a causeway or bridge in said town ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Authorizing the commissioners on public lands to sell a lot of land to the city of Boston for school purposes ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The reports,

Of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient, on the order relative to the justice and expediency of increasing the penalties for drunkenness, and of making some provision for the families of inebriates whilst the latter are imprisoned in jails, houses of correction or workhouses ; and

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of George E. Ellis and others, praying for a change in the law of settlement ;

Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on Towns, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of W. W. Merrick and others, praying that a portion of the city of Charlestown should be annexed to the city of Somerville, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to change the location of its railroad in the towns of Russell and Montgomery, was ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To incorporate the Old Colony Wharf Company ;

To incorporate the New England Lodge Associates in the city of Cambridge ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed; the former was sent up for concurrence.

The bill to expedite the settlement of estates of deceased persons, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Boston Mortgage Company, was considered.

Amendments were offered by Mr. Fletcher of Chelsea, Mr. Sanger of Danvers, Mr. Parker of New Bedford and Mr. Loughlin of Lowell. After debate and before a vote was reached Mr. Evans of Everett moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Monday, and the motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Sanger of Danvers, by a vote of 71 to 44, the House
Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 14, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth was called to the chair by the Speaker.

Mr. Talbot of Dighton presented the petition of Sarah J. Pierce for state aid; which was referred to the committee on Claims and sent up for concurrence.

Sarah J.
Pierce.

Papers from the Senate.

The reports,

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John Hill and others of Provincetown, to allow the pilots of that town to pilot vessels into Boston;

Pilots of
Provincetown.

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. W. and H. L. Crocker for refunding of a bank tax;

J. W. and
H. L.
Crocker.

Of the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Mystic River Corporation for leave to extend its docks through and over Chelsea Bridge;

Mystic
River Cor-
poration.

Severally accepted in the Senate, came down and were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to continue the charter of the Boston, Lynn and Peabody Railway Company, and to reduce its capital

Boston,
Lynn and
Peabody
Railway Co.

stock, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :
 Relating to fees and deposits in courts of insolvency ;
 To amend the charter of the Boston Odd Fellows' Hall Association ;

Relating to the fees of sextons and others ;
 To regulate the fees of sheriffs for presiding over sheriffs' juries ;

Relating to the demolition of buildings during fires ;
 (Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :
 In aid of the State Library ;
 In favor of Asahel P. Squires ;
 (Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The report of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw on the petition of the Salem Oratorio Society, for an act of incorporation, was accepted in concurrence.

The reports,

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Major Dexter H. Follett, commanding the 1st Battery Light Artillery, M.V.M., for an appropriation for new uniforms for his command ;

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of B. F. Finan, for compensation for damage to uniforms of the 9th Regiment, M.V.M. ;

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of William Evans and others, captains of the 1st Regiment of Infantry, M.V.M., for uniforms ;

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles S. Babcock and others, for an allowance for uniforms ;

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Judson Chapin and others, for a division of the town of West Roxbury ;

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Enoch Sanford, for refunding of taxes on bank shares ;

Of the committee on Expenditures, on the order relative to securities in charge of the treasurer and receiver-general ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Harbors, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the Boston and Maine Railroad, for the right to construct wharves on Mystic River and connect the same with its main line by a branch track, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To amend the charter of the city of Fall River ;

Requiring returns in relation to steam boilers ;

To change certain harbor lines in Fort Point Channel ;

And a resolve in favor of Amos Cummings ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to amend chapter 267 of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, relating to the channel of Muddy River in Brookline, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Boston Mortgage Company was debated.

Mr. White of Plymouth offered an amendment, and Mr. Fisher of Franklin gave notice that he should call for the yeas and nays on the question of ordering the bill to a third reading.

Mr. Sears of Barnstable moved the previous question, and the motion was lost. Finally, on motion of Mr. Soule of Springfield, the bill was postponed until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, the bill authorizing an increase of the capital stock of the Manufacturers' Gas Company of Fall River was postponed until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Haynes of Townsend the report of the committee on the Judiciary (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Josiah K. Bennett and 32 others, praying that the town of Groton may be relieved from liability to maintain a high school, was postponed until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Scott of Blackstone, the House Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 15, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

M. H. Severance.

Mr. Winslow of Newton presented the petition of Mrs. M. H. Severance of Newton, for the refunding of a bank tax twice paid; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Papers from the Senate.

Resolves :

C. J. Cox.

In favor of Charles J. Cox ;

Tax on bank shares.
Taunton Lunatic Hospital.
Teachers' institutes.

Refunding taxes twice paid on bank shares ;

In favor of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton ; and a Bill to amend the General Statutes relating to teachers' institutes, the duties of school committees, and the attendance of children in the public schools ;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and severally referred to the committee on Finance.

New England Female Medical College.

A bill to authorize the New England Female Medical College, and the trustees of Boston University, to unite, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred under the 19th joint rule to the next General Court.

Mystic River Corporation.

The report of the committee on Harbors (that no legislation is necessary) on the annual report of the commissioner of the Mystic River Corporation, accepted in the Senate, came down and was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills :

Kenoza St. R. R. Co.

To incorporate the Kenoza Street Railway Company of Haverhill ;

Landing-places in Milton.

Concerning the public landing-places in the town of Milton ;

Mill River in Taunton.

In relation to the mill-dams on Mill River in the city of Taunton ;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and ordered to a second reading.

Notice by clerks of courts.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to authorize clerks of courts to issue notice in certain cases, reported that the bill ought to pass, with an amendment as follows : in the title to the bill, after the word "issue," erase the word "notice," and insert instead, "orders of

notice"; and in the seventh line of section one, insert after the word "any" the words "order of." The bill was read and ordered to a second reading.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the Cary Improvement Company, praying for legislation to relieve said company from the taxation to which it is subjected under the corporation tax law. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Cary Improvement Co.

Mr. Wilson of Boston, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was referred the report of the Harbor Commissioners, reported a bill in relation to the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor. Read and ordered to a second reading.

State flats in Boston Harbor.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to establish a registry of deeds in the northern district of Worcester, reported that the same ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Registry of deeds in Northern Worcester.

Engrossed bills:

Bills passed.

To increase the compensation for the support of paupers before removal;

Relating to public warehouses;

To incorporate the Lynn City Street Railway Company;

Concerning state directors of railroads;

To provide for the confinement of persons acquitted of the charge of murder or manslaughter by reason of insanity;

To authorize the purchasers of the franchise of the Ware River Railroad Company to organize a corporation and complete the road;

Concerning the mode of administering oaths;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Concerning pilotage in the harbor of Gloucester;

To amend an act in relation to the Holyoke and Northampton Boom and Lumber Company;

In relation to the smelt fishery;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

Instructing the board of railroad commissioners to examine the crossing of Broadway in Lawrence by the Bos-

ton and Maine Railroad, and report to the next Legislature ;

In favor of the town of Halifax ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Granger of Boston, the votes were reconsidered, by which the House accepted the

Reports of the committee on Military Affairs,

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Major Dexter H. Follett, commanding the 1st Battery Light Artillery, M. V.M., for an appropriation for new uniforms for his command ;

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of B. F. Finan, for compensation for damage to uniforms of the 9th Regiment, M. V.M. ;

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of William Evans and others, captains of the 1st Regiment of Infantry, M. V. M., for uniforms ; and

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles S. Babcock and others, for an allowance for uniforms.

The reports were then laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Nowell of Boston, the Senate resolve relative to the appointment of a commission to inquire and report upon the best methods of constructing fire-proof buildings, was taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The reports,

Of the committee on Education, on the order to inquire if section 4 of chapter 285 of the acts of 1867 has been complied with ;

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. W. and H. L. Crocker for refunding of a bank tax ;

Of the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Mystic River Corporation for leave to extend its docks through and over Chelsea Bridge ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the city of Cambridge, for such legislation as shall secure forever the present area of Charles River Basin, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The bill in addition to an act to supply the town of Winchester with pure water, was read and amended, on motion of Mr. Cummings of Woburn, and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Authorizing an increase of the capital stock of the Manufacturers' Gas Company of Fall River ;

To provide for a commission on the subject of grade, streets, drainage and water supply for certain cities and towns ;

To establish harbor lines on Charles River ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to incorporate the Boston Mortgage Company, was considered, 3.30 P. M. having been previously assigned as the time for taking the vote, on motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton. After debate on amendments offered by Mr. Bigelow of Boston, Mr. Fletcher of Chelsea, Mr. Sawyer of Danvers, Mr. White of Plymouth and Mr. Hayes of Boston, a vote on ordering the bill to a third reading was reached.

On motion of Mr. Fisher of Franklin the yeas and nays were ordered. The roll was called, and the bill as amended was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 111 yeas to 101 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Walter B. Allen,
Horace C. Bacon,
Nahum Bailey, Jr.,
Austin W. Benton,
Hiram Berry,
Sanford W. Billings,
William R. Black,
Peleg Blankinship,
William E. Blunt,
Dennis Bonner,
Franklin Bonney,
Bowman B. Breed,
Richard F. Briggs,
Richard Britton,
Jacob B. Calley,
Adam Capen, Jr.,
Sumner Carruth,
Henry B. Chamberlin,
Albe C. Clark,

Messrs. George W. Clark,
Alfred A. Clatur,
Charles R. Codman,
George Copeland,
Robert Couch,
William A. Creesy,
George G. Crocker,
Daniel A. Cronin,
John Cummings,
John Cushing,
William F. Darby,
Joshua W. Davis,
Lewis J. Dudley,
Joseph Dyer,
Henderson J. Edwards,
Alonzo H. Evans,
George O. Fairbanks,
Eustace C. Fitz,
John E. Fitzgerald,

Messrs. John W. Fletcher,
 H. M. French,
 William Frost,
 John Gates,
 Charles A. Gleason,
 Brownell Granger,
 Isaac D. Hall,
 John W. Hammond,
 Simeon Hardy,
 David P. Hatch,
 Lewis Hayden,
 Francis B. Hayes,
 Benjamin Heath,
 Samuel W. Heath,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Charles J. Holmes,
 Samuel B. Hopkins,
 Barney Hull,
 E. Atherton Hunt,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Alexis W. Ide,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Jesse E. Keith,
 William R. Kentfield,
 Lucius W. Knight,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 Willard Lewis,
 George A. Marden,
 Albert Mason,
 Samuel W. McDaniel,
 John B. Moore,
 Thomas J. Morgan,
 Asa P. Morse,
 Andrew M. Morton,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Liberty D. Packard,
 Albert Palmer,

Messrs. William C. Parker, Jr.,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 J. Winslow Pierce,
 John Perkins,
 Calvin T. Phillips,
 William C. Plunkett,
 Francis E. Porter,
 Rodolphus Porter,
 Edward Sanford,
 George J. Sanger,
 George P. Sanger,
 Joseph L. Sargent,
 John C. Scott,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 Robert Seaver,
 Henry P. Shattuck,
 John Shaw,
 James Smith,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Henry Splaine,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 James A. Stetson,
 William B. Stone,
 John H. Studley,
 Charles Talbot,
 James G. Tarr,
 William Taylor,
 E. Loring Thayer,
 Edward F. Watson,
 T. W. Wellington,
 Tisdale S. White,
 William H. Whitfield,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Henry W. Wilson,
 Ezra D. Winslow.

NAYS.

Messrs. Wales Aldrich,
 Francis R. Allen,
 A. S. Atherton,
 Aaron Bagg,
 Andrew J. Bailey,
 William Baker,
 George W. Bardwell,
 George Bartholmesz,
 John M. Batchelder,
 Elijah E. Belding,
 Ezekiel D. Bement,

Messrs. Edward A. Berdge,
 Edward L. Bigelow,
 John Bigelow,
 George B. Blake,
 Horace L. Bowker,
 Giles E. Brownell,
 Moses L. Buck,
 William H. Buck,
 Addison Burnett,
 Henry Burt,
 Edward W. Chapin,

Messrs. Francis W. Clark,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 John S. Coney,
 William H. Cook,
 Charles Crittenden,
 Joseph W. Cross,
 Ben. C. Currier,
 George J. Dean,
 I. W. Derby,
 Seymour B. Dewey,
 C. C. Field,
 Harrison O. Field,
 John H. Fisher,
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
 Daniel C. Fletcher,
 Granville E. Foss,
 Kirke E. Gardner,
 Addison Gilbert,
 Stephen D. Goddard,
 Fitz E. Griffin,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 George H. Harlow,
 Austin Hawley,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Samuel S. Haynes,
 Lot Higgins,
 Samuel E. Hildreth,
 John W. Hollis,
 David P. Howes,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Richard H. Humphrey,
 Thomas P. Hurlbut,
 Thomas Ingalls,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 Thomas M. Judd,
 Geo. P. Kendrick,
 Charles R. Ladd,
 Noah D. Ladd,
 William H. Loughlin,
 Elijah Marion,

Messrs. David Mayhew,
 Charles W. Morrill,
 C. D. Morse,
 Lewis R. Norton,
 John A. Nowell,
 Hiram Packard,
 John B. Parker,
 George Purrington, Jr.,
 John W. Regan,
 Philip H. Robinson,
 Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,
 John Samson,
 Amos J. Saunders,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 Augustus J. Sawyer,
 Roger H. Scannell,
 James B. Shaw,
 Amos W. Shumway,
 Henry C. Skinner,
 Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
 A. L. Soule,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 Oliver M. Stacey,
 William Stewart,
 Joseph A. Titus,
 Hugh J. Toland,
 Marcus Truesdell,
 Q. A. Vinal,
 William N. Walker,
 Rodney Wallace,
 Andrew J. Waters,
 James L. White,
 George H. Whitman,
 Austin Whitney,
 Benjamin F. Wing,
 Samuel Winslow,
 Oliver Wolcott,
 Moses D. Woodbury,
 Elijah N. Woods.

Yeas, 111 ; nays, 101.

The bill concerning commercial fertilizers was read. Mr. Moore of Concord offered several amendments, and, on his motion, the bill was postponed until to-morrow and the amendments ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the resolve in favor of the Deep Bottom tribe of Indians was postponed until to-morrow.

The bill in addition to the acts relating to the Arlington Lake Water Company was read. Two amendments offered by Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge were adopted, and as amended the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills :

To establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth ;

To authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to change the location of its railroad in the towns of Russell and Montgomery ;

To change certain harbor lines in Fort Point Channel ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Saunders of Pepperell, a resolve in favor of the town of Groton was substituted for the report of the committee on the Judiciary in relation to a high school in that town.

The bill to amend the first and second sections of chapter forty-one of the General Statutes, relating to the attendance of children at school, was read and considered. Mr. Loughlin of Lowell offered an amendment, and pending the consideration of the same, on motion of Mr. Ide of Medway, by a vote of 65 to 56 the House

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 16, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The Speaker called Mr. Crocker of Boston to the Chair.

Jubal
Howe.

Mr. Winslow of Newton presented the petition of Jubal Howe of Newton for refunding of a bank tax paid twice ; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

George G.
Tarbell.

Mr. Moore of Concord, the petition of George G. Tarbell for abatement and refunding of a bank tax ; which was referred to the same committee.

These petitions were sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Sanger of Danvers,—

Hall of the
House of
Represent-
atives.

Ordered, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted on Friday, at 11 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of a lecture by Professor Louis Agassiz.

Constables
of the muni-
cipal court
of Boston.

Mr. Cook of Boston presented the petition of S. S. Vialle et al. to establish the salary of constables of the

municipal court of the city of Boston for criminal business; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

A bill to authorize the Boston Land Company to exclude tide-water from their lands, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Boston
Land Co.

Notice was received by the Speaker from the Senate of the rejection by that body of the House bill to punish the keeping of houses of ill-fame and gaming houses by imprisonment only.

Houses of
ill-fame and
gaming
houses.

Mr. Talbot of Dighton, from the committee on Claims, reported a resolve in favor of Abner J. Pierce; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

Abner J.
Pierce.

Mr. Wilson of Boston, from the committee on Harbors, reported a bill to authorize the city of Haverhill to construct a wharf and a bridge over Little River.

Haverhill—
bridge over
Little River.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Charles H. Ferson, Mayor of Chelsea, reported a bill amending an act to establish the city of Chelsea.

Chelsea—
city charter.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill to authorize trials in the superior court instead of before sheriffs' juries, reported that the same ought to pass in a new draft.

Superior
court trials.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the same committee, reported a bill in relation to the service of warrants in criminal cases by constables and police officers.

Warrants in
criminal
cases.

Mr. Nowell of Boston, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of the town of Woburn for alteration of town lines, reported a bill to annex certain territory in the town of Winchester, in the county of Middlesex, to the town of Woburn, in said county.

Annexation
of part of
Winchester
to Woburn.

Mr. Patch of Boston, from the committee on Finance, reported a resolve in favor of George H. Morse and Albert Pinder in a new draft.

George H.
Morse and
Albert Pin-
der.

Mr. Chapin of Holyoke, from the same committee, reported a resolve in favor of the town of Belchertown.

Belcher-
town.

These bills and resolves were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Engrossed bills:

Bills passed.

Concerning the fees of deputy-sheriffs;

To authorize the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad

Company to extend its road and unite with the Rhode Island and Massachusetts Railroad Company ;

In addition to an act to establish the city of Haverhill ;
(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To authorize the town of Lexington to drain the meadows near the central village ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed resolve, in aid of discharged female prisoners (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Boston and
Albany
R. R. Co.—
location in
Russell and
Montgomery.

On motion of Mr. Woods of Huntington, the vote was reconsidered by which the House passed to be engrossed the bill to authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to change the location of its railroad in the towns of Russell and Montgomery.

Mr. Woods offered an amendment, and, on motion of Mr. Bacon of Lawrence the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Arlington
Lake Water
Co.

On motion of Mr. Titus of Worcester, the vote was reconsidered by which the House passed to be engrossed the bill in addition to the acts relating to the Arlington Lake Water Company.

Several amendments were offered by Mr. Titus and adopted, and the bill was again passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

New Eng-
land Female
Medical Col-
lege.

On motion of Mr. Billings of Sharon, the vote was reconsidered by which the House referred to the next General Court the bill to authorize the New England Female Medical College and the trustees of Boston University to unite.

A motion by the same gentleman to suspend the 19th joint rule was lost, and the bill was again referred to the next General Court.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The bill to amend the first and second sections of chapter forty-one of the General Statutes, relating to the attendance of children at school, was read and considered. An amendment offered by Mr. Loughlin of Lowell was rejected. Several amendments offered by Mr. Field of Leominster were adopted, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The bill concerning commercial fertilizers was considered and debated. Several amendments offered by Mr. Moore of Concord were adopted, and the bill was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 84 to 17.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 17, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

A bill to supply the town of Westfield with pure water, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred, under the 19th joint rule, to the next General Court. Westfield
water supply.

A bill concerning the Newburyport bridges, and a bill concerning the militia, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and ordered to a second reading. Newbury-
port bridge.
Militia.

A bill to change the name of the Workingmen's Savings Bank, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was ordered to a second reading. Working-
men's Sav-
ings Bank.

Mr. Chapin of Holyoke, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company, reported that they had considered the same and desired to be discharged from its further consideration. The report was accepted and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading. Lee & New
Haven Rail-
road Co.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill in addition to an act to provide for the appointment of inspectors of provisions in cities and towns, reported that the same ought to pass in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading. Inspection
of provisions.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To establish the city of Gloucester ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To expedite the settlement of estates of deceased persons ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were taken up.

*Orders of
the day.*

The report of the committee on the Judiciary (leave to withdraw) on the petition of the Cary Improvement Company, praying for legislation to relieve said company from the taxation to which it is subjected under the corporation tax law, was accepted.

The report of the committee on Harbors (that no legislation is necessary) on the annual report of the commissioner of the Mystic River Corporation was accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hurlbut of Sudbury the report of the committee on the Liquor Law (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Rodney French and others, against an increase of the State constabulary under the authority of the present board of police commissioners, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hanson of Peabody the reports of the same committee (leave to withdraw) on the petition of George S. Ball and others, for an increase of the state police; and

Leave to withdraw on the memorial of Daniel Holt and others, for the impartial execution of the laws;

Were also laid on the table.

The bill to authorize the South Boston Railroad Company to increase its capital stock was read and amended on motion of Mr. Sanger of Danvers, and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To incorporate the Chapin Banking and Trust Company of Springfield;

To establish the Lexington Water Company;

In relation to the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor;

To incorporate the Kenoza Street Railway Company of Haverhill;

In relation to the mill-dams on Mill River, in the city of Taunton;

To authorize the city of Haverhill to construct a wharf and a bridge over Little River;

Amending an act to establish the city of Chelsea;

To authorize trials in the superior court instead of before sheriffs' juries;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Resolves:

In favor of Deep Bottom Tribe of Indians;

Granting aid to the town of Gay Head for the support of its public schools ;

In favor of the town of Belchertown ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to appoint a commission to examine the subject of insurance was rejected.

The bill relating to the employment of children and regulations respecting them, was read and considered. Amendments offered by Messrs. Billings of Sharon, Hammond of Cambridge, Marden of Lowell, Holmes of Fall River, Scott of Blackstone and Chapin of Holyoke, were adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to supply the village of Attleborough with water for the extinguishment of fires, and for other purposes, was read and amended on motion of Mr. Sanford of Attleborough and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To amend the charter of the city of Fall River ;

Authorizing an increase of the capital stock of the Manufacturers' Gas Company of Fall River ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The resolve in favor of Amos Cummings, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Labor Question, inexpedient, on the petitions in favor of a ten-hour law to govern the employment of women and minors under eighteen years of age, was considered.

Mr. Berdge of Lynn, moved to amend the report by substituting therefor the bill reported by a minority of the committee. After debate and before reaching a vote on this question, on motion of Mr. Sawtelle of New Bedford, the House

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 18, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

D. W. Salisbury.

Mr. Field of Leominster presented the petition of D. W. Salisbury of Leominster, for refunding of a bank tax; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Binding of
reports of
Hoosac
Tunnel
hearings.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston,—

Ordered, That the joint committee on Printing consider the expediency of binding for the use of the members of this General Court, one thousand copies of the report of hearings on the Hoosac Tunnel Consolidation before the committee on Railways.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mortgages
by guard-
ians and
others.

Mr. Clark of Boston, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to mortgages by guardians and others; which was referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Westfield
water sup-
ply.

Mr. Norton of Westfield moved a reconsideration of the vote, whereby the House refused to suspend the 19th joint rule, and admit the Senate bill to supply the town of Westfield with pure water. The motion was carried, the rule was suspended and the bill was referred in concurrence to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Papers from the Senate.

Boston—
union of
Brookline.

A bill to unite the city of Boston and the town of Brookline, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Freight
charges on
railroads.

The House bill in addition to an act to regulate freight charges on railroads, came down from the Senate with an amendment, and the House concurred in the amendment with an amendment which was offered by Mr. Barker of Pittsfield.

Abner J.
Pierce.

Mr. Chapin of Holyoke, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of Abner J. Pierce, reported that the same ought to pass in a new draft.

Somerville
—drain
through
Cambridge.

Mr. Vinal of Somerville, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, reported a bill concerning the building, by the city of Somerville, of a drain through the city of Cambridge.

Worcester
Lunatic
Hospital.

Mr. Patch of Boston, from the committee on Finance, reported a resolve in regard to the Worcester Lunatic Hospital.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the same committee to whom was referred the bill to establish a half-mill fund for the support of the public schools, asked to be discharged from its further consideration. The report was accepted.

These bills and resolves were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to amend chapter 277 of the acts of 1868, reported that the same ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Phillips of Salem presented a minority report from the committee on Finance, signed by himself, Mr. Benton of Brookline and Mr. Patch of Boston, concerning the Lee and New Haven Railroad, which was received and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown a bill to consolidate the Boston and Maine and Eastern Railroad Companies was taken from the files of last year and referred to the committee on Railways, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Billings of Sharon, the vote by which the House passed to be engrossed the bill relating to the employment of children and regulations respecting them, was reconsidered, and on motion of the same gentleman it was recommitted to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Ladd of Springfield, the vote by which the House rejected the resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to appoint a commission to examine the subject of insurance, was reconsidered, the question of rejection was negatived and the resolve was ordered to a second reading, Mr. Ladd giving notice that he should offer a substitute therefor.

On motion of Mr. Ely of Dedham, the bill to unite the city of Boston and the town of West Roxbury was discharged from the orders of the day and postponed until Tuesday next, then to be placed first in the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Hayes of Boston, the bill relating to the taxation of bank shares was discharged from the orders and postponed until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Hayes of Medford, the bill in addition to an act to supply the town of Winchester with pure water; and the bill concerning Charles River and

Half-mill
school fund.

Nuisance in
Boston.

Lee & New
Haven Rail-
road.

Consoli-
dation of
the Boston
and Maine
and Eastern
R. R. Cos.

Employ-
ment of
children.

Commission
on insur-
ance.

Annexation
of West
Roxbury to
Boston.

Taxation of
bank shares.

Charles
River and
Warren
Bridges.

Warren bridges, were severally discharged from the orders of the day and postponed until Tuesday next.

Attendance
of children
at school.

On motion of Mr. Field of Leominster, the bill to amend the first and second sections of chapter 41 of the General Statutes, relating to the attendance of children at school, was discharged from the orders of the day and re-committed to the committee on Education.

Cadets of
State Agri-
cultural Col-
lege.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Athol, the bill to provide uniforms for the cadets of the State Agricultural College was discharged from the orders of the day and laid upon the table.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

Authorizing the clerk of the courts in the county of Berkshire to draw clerk hire from the county treasury ;

To authorize cities and towns to charge interest on certain taxes ;

To confirm the proceedings of the town of Barnstable in abolishing the school district system ;

Concerning the rebuilding of the Haverhill bridge ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The bill relating to the Lowell and Andover Railroad Company was rejected.

Bills :

In relation to the service of warrants in criminal cases by constables and police officers ;

To change the name of the Workingmen's Savings Bank ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

In relation to the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor ;

To authorize the city of Haverhill to construct a wharf and a bridge over Little River ;

Amending an act to establish the city of Chelsea ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolves :

In favor of Deep Bottom Tribe of Indians ;

In favor of the town of Belchertown ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve granting aid to the town of Gay Head for the support of its public schools was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Labor Question (inexpedient), on the petitions in favor of a ten-hour law to govern the employment of women and minors under eighteen years of age was considered and debated. Mr. Howes of Dennis moved the previous question, which was carried. The yeas and nays were ordered on motion of Mr. Berdge of Lynn, the question being on substituting the bill reported by a minority of the committee on the Labor Question. The roll was called, and the bill was substituted by a vote of 133 yeas to 37 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Walter B. Allen,
Horace C. Bacon,
Andrew J. Bailey,
Nahum Bailey, Jr.,
George Bartholmesz,
John M. Batchelder,
Austin W. Benton,
Edward A. Berdge,
Hiram Berry,
Edward L. Bigelow,
John Bigelow,
Sanford W. Billings,
William R. Black,
Peleg Blankinship,
William E. Blunt,
Dennis Bonner,
Horace L. Bowker,
Richard Britton,
Giles E. Brownell,
William H. Buck,
Henry Burt,
Jacob B. Calley,
Adam Capen, Jr.,
Sumner Carruth,
Henry B. Chamberlin,
Francis W. Clark,
John S. Coney,
William H. Cook,
Robert Couch,

Messrs. Daniel A. Cronin,
John Cummings,
Ben. C. Currier,
John Cushing,
Joshua W. Davis,
George J. Dean,
I. W. Derby,
Joseph Dyer,
Frederick D. Ely,
Alonzo H. Evans,
George O. Fairbanks,
C. C. Field,
Harrison O. Field,
John H. Fisher,
John E. Fitzgerald,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
Daniel C. Fletcher,
Granville E. Foss,
H. M. French,
Addison Gilbert,
A. J. Gove,
Brownell Granger,
Fitz E. Griffin,
John W. Hammond,
Charles V. Hanson,
Simeon Hardy,
Austin Hawley,
David P. Hatch,
Lewis Hayden,

Messrs. Francis B. Hayes,
 Samuel E. Hildreth,
 Amos Hill,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Charles J. Holmes,
 Emory A. Howard,
 David P. Howes,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Barney Hull,
 Richard H. Humphrey,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Alexis W. Ide,
 Thomas Ingalls,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 Edward J. Jones,
 Jesse E. Keith,
 George P. Kendrick,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 William H. Loughlin,
 George A. Marden,
 Elijah Marion,
 Albert Mason,
 Edward McCleave,
 Samuel W. McDaniel,
 Asa P. Morse,
 Andrew M. Morton,
 John A. Nowell,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Hiram Packard,
 Liberty D. Packard,
 Albert Palmer,
 J. Winslow Peirce,
 Charles Perley,
 Francis E. Porter,
 John W. Regan,
 Philip H. Robinson,
 Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,

Messrs. John Samson,
 George J. Sanger,
 George P. Sanger,
 Joseph L. Sargent,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 Augustus J. Sawyer,
 Roger H. Scannell,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 Robert Seaver,
 Henry P. Shattuck,
 James B. Shaw,
 Amos W. Shumway,
 Henry C. Skinner,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Henry Splaine,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 Oliver M. Stacey,
 William B. Stone,
 John H. Studley,
 Andrew H. Sweet,
 James G. Tarr,
 Willim Taylor,
 Joseph A. Titus,
 Q. A. Vinal,
 Andrew J. Waters,
 Edward F. Watson,
 Tisdale S. White,
 William H. Whitfield,
 George H. Whitman,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Henry W. Wilson,
 Benjamin F. Wing,
 Ezra D. Winslow,
 Samuel Winslow,
 Elijah N. Woods.

NAYS.

Messrs. Francis R. Allen,
 A. S. Atherton,
 George W. Bardwell,
 James M. Barker,
 Elijah E. Belding,
 Ezekiel D. Bement,
 Franklin Bonney,
 Richard F. Briggs,
 Moses L. Buck,
 Addison Burnett,

Messrs. Charles V. Carpenter,
 Albe C. Clark,
 George W. Clark,
 William A. Creesy,
 William F. Darby,
 Lewis J. Dudley,
 William Frost,
 Charles A. Gleason,
 Asa H. Goddard,
 Stephen D. Goddard,

Messrs. Samuel W. Heath,
Thomas P. Hurlbut,
Charles R. Ladd,
Noah D. Ladd,
Willard Lewis,
Thomas J. Morgan,
Lewis R. Norton,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
Daniel A. Patch,

Messrs. John Perkins,
William C. Plunkett,
John C. Scott,
A. L. Soule,
William Stewart,
William N. Walker,
Rodney Wallace,
James L. White.

Yeas, 133 ; nays, 37.

The resolve establishing a state normal art school, was read and debated.

Mr. Billings of Sharon moved to amend the resolve by making the amount to be appropriated ten thousand instead of seventy-five hundred dollars.

After debate Mr. Cook of Boston moved the previous question, the main question was ordered and as it was found on taking a vote that a quorum was not present, on motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, the House

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 19, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Titus of Worcester, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, reported that the bill to authorize the city of Boston to build an additional reservoir, ought to pass. The bill was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading on Monday.

Boston—
additional
reservoir.

Paper from the Senate.

A bill to authorize the First Baptist Society of Newbury and Newburyport to sell real estate, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, and was read and ordered to a second reading.

First Bap-
tist Society
of Newbury
and New-
buryport.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To incorporate the Essex Mechanics' Association ;

To establish harbor lines on Mystic River between the bridge of the Eastern Railroad Company and the bridge of the Boston and Maine Railroad ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To allow the Springfield, Athol and North-Eastern Railroad Company to extend its road ;

To change certain harbor lines in Fort Point Channel ;
(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Walter and
Francis
Shanly.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the resolves in favor of Walter and Francis Shanly, were discharged from the orders of the day and postponed until Wednesday next.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The Speaker announced that the Senate bill concerning the militia contained certain provisions which caused its reference to the committee on Finance necessary, and the bill was referred to that committee.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John Hill and others of Provincetown, to allow the pilots of that town to pilot vessels into Boston, was accepted in concurrence.

The resolve establishing a state normal art school was considered. The amendment offered by Mr. Billings of Sharon was rejected by a vote of 65 to 66, and the resolve was ordered to a third reading.

The bill giving trial justices of juvenile offenders jurisdiction in matters relating to insane persons, was read and amended on motion of Mr. Breed of Lynn, and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the town of Newton to aid the Newton Cemetery Corporation, was read and amended on motion of Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to regulate the practice of pharmacy in this Commonwealth, was read and debated at length. Amendments offered by Mr. Bowker of Boston, Mr. Sprague of Framingham, Mr. Hoyt of Athol, Mr. Shattuck of Boston and Mr. Hildreth of Worcester were adopted, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To continue the charter of the Boston, Lynn and Peabody Railway Company, and to reduce its capital stock ;

To authorize clerks of courts to issue notice in certain cases ;

To regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Resolves :

In regard to the Worcester Lunatic Hospital ;

In favor of Abner J. Pierce ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize trials in the superior court instead of before sheriffs' juries ;

To incorporate the Kenoza Street Railway Company of Haverhill ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, the former in a new draft.

Bills :

In relation to the service of warrants in criminal cases by constables and police officers ;

To change the name of the Workingmen's Savings Bank ;

To provide for a commission on the subject of grade, streets, drainage and water supply for certain cities and towns ;

To establish the Lexington Water Company ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Foss of Methuen, the House Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 21, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury presented the petition of the county commissioners of Dukes County, to borrow money to pay the cost of a new jail ; which was referred to the committee on Prisons, and sent up for concurrence.

Dukes
County
commission-
ers.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the commissioners on public lands to give deeds in certain cases ; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Commis-
sioners on
public
lands.

Papers from the Senate.

A bill in addition to an Act to authorize the purchase of land for a camp-ground for the militia, introduced on

Camp-
ground for
the militia.

leave in the Senate, was referred under the 19th joint rule to the next General Court, a motion to suspend the rule, made by Mr. Splaine of Boston, being lost.

Bills :

Annexation
of Charles-
town to
Boston.
Annexation
of Brighton
to Boston.
Cape Cod
Station for
Boston
pilots.
Essex
County
commission-
ers.
Grade,
drainage,
&c., for cer-
tain cities
and towns.

To unite the city of Charlestown with the city of Boston ;

To unite the city of Boston with the town of Brighton ;

To establish a Cape Cod station for Boston pilots ; and a

Resolve to authorize the county commissioners for the county of Essex to borrow money, severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the vote was reconsidered by which the House passed to be engrossed the bill to provide for a commission on the subject of grade, streets, drainage and water supply for certain cities and towns.

On motion of the same gentlemen, the bill was referred to the committee on Finance.

New Eng-
land Female
Medical Col-
lege.

Mr. Nowell of Boston moved a suspension of the rule concerning reconsideration in order that the vote by which the House refused to suspend the 19th joint rule to admit the bill to authorize the New England Female Medical College and the Trustees of Boston University to unite might be reconsidered. The rule was suspended. Mr. Nowell then moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to suspend the 19th joint rule, which was carried. He then moved to suspend the same rule, and the motion was lost by a vote of 120 to 31. Mr. Nowell called for the yeas and nays, they were ordered, the roll was called, and the House refused to suspend the rule by a vote of 121 yeas to 53 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Wales Aldrich,
Walter B. Allen,
Nahum Bailey, Jr.,
George Bartholmesz,
John M. Batchelder,
Austin W. Benton,
Edward A. Berdge,
Hiram Berry,
Edward L. Bigelow,
John Bigelow,
Sanford W. Billings,

Messrs. George B. Blake,
Peleg Blankinship,
Dennis Bonner,
James W. Bradley,
Richard F. Briggs,
Richard Britton,
Addison Burnett,
Jacob B. Calley,
Adam Capen, Jr.,
Albe C. Clark,
George W. Clark,

Messrs. John S. Coney,
 William H. Cook,
 Robert Couch,
 Joseph W. Cross,
 John Cushing,
 Joshua W. Davis,
 I. W. Derby,
 Joseph Dyer,
 Frederick D. Ely,
 Alonzo H. Evans,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 Eustace C. Fitz,
 John W. Fletcher,
 William Frost,
 Asa H. Goddard,
 Stephen D. Goddard,
 A. J. Gove,
 Brownell Granger,
 Simeon Hardy,
 Austin Hawley,
 Lewis Hayden,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Francis B. Hayes,
 Samuel S. Haynes,
 Samuel W. Heath,
 Lot Higgins,
 Samuel E. Hildreth,
 John W. Hollis,
 Charles J. Holmes,
 Lewis Holmes,
 Samuel B. Hopkins,
 Emory A. Howard,
 David P. Howes,
 Barney Hull,
 Richard H. Humphrey,
 E. Atherton Hunt,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Alexis W. Ide,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 Edward J. Jones,
 Thomas M. Judd,
 Lucius W. Knight,
 Charles R. Ladd,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 Willard Lewis,
 George A. Marden,
 Albert Mason,
 Edward McCleave,
 Samuel W. McDaniel,

Messrs. John B. Moore,
 Charles W. Morrill,
 Andrew M. Morton,
 John A. Nowell,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Weaver Osborn,
 Liberty D. Packard,
 Albert Palmer,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 J. Winslow Peirce,
 John Perkins,
 Charles Perley,
 Calvin T. Phillips,
 Rodolphus Porter,
 George Purrington, Jr.,
 Philip H. Robinson,
 Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,
 Edward Sanford,
 George J. Sanger,
 George P. Sanger,
 Joseph L. Sargent,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 John C. Scott,
 Nathan B. Seaver,
 Robert Seaver,
 Henry P. Shattuck,
 John Shaw.
 Amos W. Shumway,
 Henry C. Skinner,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 Henry Splaine,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 James A. Stetson,
 John H. Studley,
 Andrew H. Sweet,
 E. Loring Thayer,
 Joseph A. Titus,
 Q. A. Vinal,
 Tisdale S. White,
 William H. Whitfield,
 Austin Whitney,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Henry W. Wilson,
 Ezra D. Winslow,
 Samuel Winslow,
 Oliver Wolcott,
 Moses D. Woodbury.

NAYS.

Messrs. Francis R. Allen,
 William E. Blunt,
 Bowman B. Breed,
 Giles E. Brownell,
 Moses L. Buck,
 Henry Burt,
 Henry B. Chamberlin,
 Alfred A. Clatur,
 Charles R. Codman,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 William A. Creesy,
 George G. Crocker,
 Daniel A. Cronin,
 George E. Davis,
 George J. Dean,
 C. C. Field,
 John H. Fisher,
 John E. Fitzgerald,
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
 Daniel C. Fletcher,
 Granville E. Foss,
 John Gates,
 Addison Gilbert,
 Charles A. Gleason,
 Isaac D. Hall,
 John W. Hammond,
 Charles V. Hanson,

Messrs. Benjamin Heath,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Thomas Ingalls,
 Jesse E. Keith,
 George P. Kendrick,
 William R. Kentfield,
 David Mayhew,
 Hiram Packard,
 John B. Parker,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 J. Henry Read,
 John W. Regan,
 Amos J. Saunders,
 Augustus J. Sawyer,
 Roger H. Scannell,
 A. L. Soule,
 William Stewart,
 James G. Tarr,
 William Taylor,
 Hugh J. Toland,
 William N. Walker,
 Rodney Wallace,
 Andrew J. Waters,
 Edward F. Watson,
 James L. White,
 George H. Whitman.

Yeas, 121 ; nays, 53.

Mr. Whitman of Billerica, from the committee appointed to consider the order relative to two sessions a day, reported the following :—

Two sessions daily.

Ordered, That on and after Thursday, April 24th, two sessions be held daily, beginning at 11 A. M. and 2 P. M., except on Mondays and Saturdays, when only one session shall be held, commencing at 2 P. M. and 11 A. M., respectively.

Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester offered an amendment making the time for the morning session 10 o'clock instead of 11. The amendment was rejected and the order was adopted.

Harbor lines on Charles River.

On motion of Mr. Wilson of Boston the bill to establish harbor lines on Charles River was discharged from the orders of the day, read and amended, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were considered.

Bills :

To authorize the city of Boston to build an additional reservoir ;

To authorize the First Baptist Society of Newbury and Newburyport to sell real estate ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Parker of New Bedford, the bill to authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to change the location of its railroad in the towns of Russell and Montgomery was laid on the table.

Bills :

In relation to the mill-dams on Mill River in the city of Taunton ;

To continue the charter of the Boston, Lynn and Peabody Railway Company, and to reduce its capital stock ;

To authorize clerks of courts to issue notice in certain cases ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The resolves :

In favor of the State Normal School at Bridgewater ;

In favor of Abner J. Pierce ; and the

Bill to incorporate the Squantum Free Bridge Company ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill concerning truant children and absentees from school was read and amended on motion of Mr. Marden of Lowell, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill concerning the election of school committee in the city of Chelsea was read and amended on motion of Mr. Ely of Dedham, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Palmer of Boston proposed a substitute for the bill requiring returns in relation to steam-boilers, and on his motion the bill was postponed until to-morrow and the substitute ordered to be printed.

The Senate bill to establish a registry of deeds in the northern district of Worcester was debated. Mr. Cook of Boston moved the previous question. The motion prevailed, and when the vote was taken it was found that a quorum of the House was not present, and on motion of Mr. Hayden of Boston the House

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 22, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Robert
Vose, Jr.

Mr. Clark of Boston, on leave, introduced a bill to confirm certain acts done by Robert Vose, Jr., as coroner; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary, under a suspension of the 19th joint rule.

Close of af-
ternoon ses-
sion.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown,—

Ordered, That until otherwise ordered the afternoon sessions shall close at five o'clock P. M.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the order was adopted, and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Reading of
bills.

On motion of Mr. Marden of Lowell,—

Ordered, That all bills and resolves that have been, or under the rules are to be, printed, shall be read by their titles only, unless the full reading is requested.

Noon re-
cess.

On motion of Mr. Bacon of Lawrence,—

Ordered, That whenever the House shall hold two sessions a day the Speaker shall at one o'clock declare a recess of the House until two o'clock.

Camp-
ground for
militia.

On motion of Mr. Splaine of Boston, the vote by which the House refused to suspend the 19th joint rule and admit the bill in addition to an act to authorize the purchase of land for a camp-ground for the militia, introduced on leave in the Senate, was reconsidered. The rule was suspended and the House concurred with the Senate in the reference of the bill to the committee on Military Affairs.

*Papers from the Senate.*Transpor-
tation of
merchan-
dise for hire.

The House bill in relation to railroad corporations transporting merchandise for hire, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Bills :

Compulsory
pilottage.

To exempt vessels employed in the coasting trade from compulsory pilottage ;

Vine Brook.

Authorizing the town of Arlington to take water from Vine Brook, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and ordered to a second reading.

Attendance
of children
at school.

Mr. Field of Leominster, from the committee on Education, to whom was referred the bill to amend the first

and second sections of chapter 41 of the General Statutes, relating to the attendance of children at school, reported the bill ought to pass with an amendment, striking out "six months" in the eighth line and inserting "twenty weeks."

Mr. Sanford of Attleborough, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of the state lunatic hospital at Taunton, reported that the same ought to pass.

State lunatic hospital at Taunton.

Mr. Keith of Abington, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, reported a bill in relation to mortgages by guardians and others.

Mortgages by guardians and others.

Mr. Billings of Sharon, from the committee on Education, reported the bill relating to the employment of children and regulations respecting them, in a new draft.

Employment of children.

These bills and resolves were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. McCleave of Nantucket, from the committee on Printing, to whom was referred the order relative to binding reports concerning the Hoosac Tunnel consolidation, reported that the same ought not to pass.

Hoosac Tunnel hearings.

Mr. Sawtelle of New Bedford, from the same committee, to whom was referred an order on the subject, reported in favor of having two thousand copies of the report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor bound, one thousand copies to be for the use of the Bureau, and the remainder for the use of the Legislature.

Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

These reports were placed in the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, the bill in relation to insurance companies was taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on Insurance.

Insurance companies.

On motion of Mr. Sanger of Danvers, the bill to establish a half-mill fund for the support of the public schools, was discharged from the orders, and postponed until Friday next.

Half-mill school fund.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Stoneham, the bill concerning Charles River and Warren bridges, was discharged from the orders of the day and postponed until Thursday next.

Charles River and Warren bridges.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

The bill concerning the Newburyport bridges; and resolve to authorize the county commissioners of Essex to borrow money, were severally ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill to establish a registry of deeds in the

northern district of Worcester, was rejected by a vote of 117 to 31.

The resolve in regard to the Worcester Lunatic Hospital, and the bill to authorize the city of Boston to build an additional reservoir, severally were read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to unite the city of Boston and the town of West Roxbury was debated, and ordered to a third reading by a vote of 68 to 63.

Bills passed. Engrossed bills: In addition to an act to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company; to incorporate the Old Colony Wharf Company; to incorporate the N. E. Lodge Associates in the city of Cambridge (which originated in the House); authorizing an increase of the capital stock of the Manufacturers' Gas Company of Fall River (which originated in the Senate), were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed. Engrossed resolve relating to Malden River (which originated in the House), was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 23, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Paper from the Senate.

William Parker. The petition of William Parker, for refunding of a bank tax twice paid, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Limitation of speeches. Mr. Hurlbut of Sudbury offered the following:—
Ordered, That hereafter in considering matters in the orders of the day no member shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes at any one time, nor more than twenty minutes in all, on any one question except by leave of the House.

Mr. Winslow of Newton moved to amend to make the time twenty minutes. Mr. Cushing of Hingham moved to amend to make the time fifteen minutes. Both amendments and the order were rejected.

Eight-hour law. Mr. Scott of Blackstone, from the joint special committee on the Labor Question, to whom was referred certain petitions, praying for an eight-hour law, reported that the

petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the petition of the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad; and also a bill to provide for the consolidation of the Vermont and Massachusetts, Fitchburg and Troy and Boston Railroads, and the several petitions and remonstrances relating thereto; and also the petition of the Boston and Lowell Railroad for an amendment of the charter of the Great Northern Railroad, and the several petitions and remonstrances in relation thereto; and also sundry petitions in favor of the purchase by the Commonwealth of certain railroads and sundry remonstrances against the same; and also the petition of Edward Crane and associates; and also sundry remonstrances against the sale, lease or consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel; and also an order relative to the expediency of further legislation in regard to the terminal stations of the railroads entering Boston from the north; and also an order in relation to the peculiar charter of the Lowell Railroad, presented a report with a bill to incorporate the Boston and North-Western Railroad Company, to provide for the operation and management of the Hoosac Tunnel, and for other purposes.

Boston and
North-west-
ern R. R.
Co.

A minority report was presented, signed by Messrs. Carpenter and Baker of the Senate, and Messrs. Wellington of Worcester and Baker of Lunenburg, with a bill to incorporate the State Board of Trustees of the Hoosac Tunnel Railroad.

Hoosac
Tunnel
Railroad.

On motion of Mr. Codman, the reports and bills were laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. White of Plymouth,—

Ordered, That two thousand extra copies of the report of the committee on Railways, and the bills in relation to the Hoosac Tunnel lines of railway, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

The order was adopted under a suspension of the rule which required that it be sent to the committee on Printing.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to amend chapter 55 of the General Statutes, relating to limited partnerships, reported that the same ought to pass in a new draft.

Limited
partner-
ships.

Clerical assistance for district-attorneys.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill to provide clerical assistance for district-attorneys, reported that the same ought to pass in a new draft.

Property and rights of husbands and wives.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted their report on an order of inquiry relative to amending the General Statutes, so that a widow should in certain cases receive the whole of her husband's real estate in lieu of dower, with a bill offered as a substitute for the same, with instructions to consider the expediency of legislation upon the rights of husband and wife in each other's property, reported a bill in relation to the property and rights of husbands and wives, but recommended that the whole subject be referred to the next General Court.

Edward J. Jones.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of Edward J. Jones, reported that it ought to pass.

Methodist Episcopal Church in Winchendon.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of William Taylor and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Winchendon, and for other purposes.

These bills and resolve were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Schools, committees and pupils.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Senate bill to amend the General Statutes, relating to teachers' institutes, the duties of school committees, and the attendance of children in the public schools, reported that they had considered the same and desired to be discharged from its further consideration. The bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

Making appropriations for certain educational purposes ;

In addition to an act to regulate freight charges on railroads ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Amending the charter of the city of Fall River ;

To incorporate the Kenoza Street Railway Company of Haverhill ;

In addition to the acts relating to the Arlington Lake Water Company ;

To change the name of the Workingmen's Savings Bank ;

To establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed resolve, granting aid to the town of Gay Head for the support of its public schools ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Ely of Dedham moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House ordered to a third reading the bill to unite the city of Boston and the town of West Roxbury. The motion was debated and lost.

Annexation
of West
Roxbury to
Boston.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the House adopted the order to close the afternoon sessions at 5 o'clock, was carried, and the order was rejected by a vote of 82 to 90.

The Senate bill to amend chapter 277 of the acts of 1868, was considered and rejected.

Resolves :

In favor of Walter and Francis Shanly ;

In favor of the state lunatic hospital at Taunton ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill relating to the taxation of bank shares, was read and debated. A motion made by Mr. Cummings of Woburn, to refer the bill to the committee on the Judiciary was lost, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The bill concerning the Newburyport bridges ; and the Resolve to authorize the county commissioners for the County of Essex to borrow money ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Senate bill requiring returns in relation to steam-boilers was debated, and amended by the adoption of a substitute proposed by Mr. Palmer of Boston, entitled "An act to insure greater safety in the use of steam-boilers." It was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

On motion of Mr. Hayden of Boston, by a vote of 58 to 47, the House
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 24, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

District
court of
Central
Berkshire.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, on leave, introduced a bill concerning the district court of Central Berkshire; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Taunton—
mill dams on
Mill River.

An engrossed bill in relation to the mill-dams on Mill River in the city of Taunton (which originated in the Senate), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Hoosac
Tunnel—
Boston and
North-
western
R. R. Co.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the bill to incorporate the Boston and North-Western Railroad Company to provide for the management and operation of the Hoosac Tunnel and for other purposes, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Finance.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The report of the committee on the Labor Question (leave to withdraw), on petitions for an eight-hour law, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The order relative to binding reports concerning the Hoosac Tunnel consolidation was rejected by a vote of 66 to 58.

Bills:

To annex certain territory in the town of Winchester, in the county of Middlesex, to the town of Woburn, in said county;

Concerning the public landing-places in the town of Milton;

In relation to mortgages by guardians and others;

To incorporate the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Winchendon, and for other purposes;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve in favor of the town of Groton was read and amended, on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, and was then ordered to a third reading.

The resolve in favor of Edward J. Jones was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill concerning Charles River and Warren Bridges was read and considered.

Mr. Evans of Everett moved to amend by substituting a bill entitled "An act concerning Charles River Bridge, Warren Bridge, Chelsea Bridge and Malden Bridge."

On motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton the bill was laid on the table and the substitute ordered to be printed.

The bill to authorize the First Baptist Society of Newbury and Newburyport to sell real estate was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The resolve in favor of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Boston Mortgage Company was read and discussed.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston offered an amendment to insert a new section concerning taxation.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston moved an amendment providing that the company should not charge a rate of interest on loans exceeding ten per cent.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth moved to amend by striking out section six and substituting therefor a section concerning the personal liability of stockholders.

Pending the consideration of this bill the House at one o'clock, in accordance with an order previously adopted, took a recess for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After debate on the above bill the amendment offered by Mr. Bigelow of Boston was rejected, that offered by Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston was withdrawn, and the one offered by Mr. Mason of Plymouth was adopted.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston called for the yeas and nays on the question of engrossment. They were ordered, the roll was called and the bill was passed to be engrossed by a vote of 112 yeas to 95 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Walter B. Allen,
A. S. Atherton,
Horace C. Bacon,
Nahum Bailey, Jr.,
James M. Barker,
John M. Batchelder,

Messrs. Austin W. Benton,
Hiram Berry,
Sanford W. Billings,
William R. Black,
Peleg Blankinship,
William E. Blunt,

Messrs. Franklin Bonney,
James W. Bradley,
Bowman B. Breed,
Richard F. Briggs,
Richard Britton,
Jacob B. Calley,
Adam Capen, Jr.,
Henry B. Chamberlin,
Elijah H. Chisholm,
Albe C. Clark,
George W. Clark,
Charles R. Codman,
Robert Couch,
William A. Creesy,
George G. Crocker,
Daniel A. Cronin,
John Cummings,
John Cushing,
William F. Darby,
George E. Davis,
Joshua W. Davis,
Lewis J. Dudley,
Joseph Dyer,
Frederick D. Ely,
Alonzo H. Evans,
George O. Fairbanks,
Eustace C. Fitz,
John E. Fitzgerald,
John W. Fletcher,
H. M. French,
William Frost,
John Gates,
Addison Gilbert,
Charles A. Gleason,
Brownell Granger,
Isaac D. Hall,
John W. Hammond,
Simeon Hardy,
Austin Hawley,
David P. Hatch,
Lewis Hayden,
Francis B. Hayes,
Benjamin Heath,
Samuel W. Heath,
Henry B. Hill,
Charles J. Holmes,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
Emory A. Howard,
Barney Hull,
Richardson Hutchinson,

Messrs. Nathan S. Jenkins,
Edward J. Jones,
Jesse E. Keith,
William R. Kentfield,
Willard Lewis,
George A. Marden,
Albert Mason,
Edward McCleave,
John B. Moore,
Thomas J. Morgan,
Asa P. Morse,
Andrew M. Morton,
Edward O. Noyes,
Weaver Osborn,
Liberty D. Packard,
Albert Palmer,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
Daniel A. Patch,
John Perkins,
Henry W. Phelps,
Calvin T. Phillips,
William C. Plunkett,
Francis E. Porter,
Rodolphus Porter,
J. Henry Read,
William Roberts,
Edward Sanford,
George J. Sanger,
George P. Sanger,
Joseph L. Sargent,
John C. Scott,
Nathaniel Sears,
Robert Seaver,
Henry P. Shattuck,
John Shaw,
Joshua B. Smith,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Henry Splaine,
Francis D. Stedman,
James A. Stetson,
William B. Stone,
John H. Studley,
Andrew H. Sweet,
James G. Tarr,
William Taylor,
Edward F. Watson,
Tisdale S. White,
William H. Whitfield,
Henry W. Wilson,
Benjamin F. Wing.

NAYS.

Messrs. Wales Aldrich,
 Francis R. Allen,
 Aaron Bagg,
 Andrew J. Bailey,
 William Baker,
 George W. Bardwell,
 Elijah E. Belding,
 Ezekiel D. Bement,
 Edward L. Bigelow,
 John Bigelow,
 George B. Blake,
 Dennis Bonner,
 Horace L. Bowker,
 Giles E. Brownell,
 Moses L. Buck,
 William H. Buck,
 Addison Burnett,
 Henry Burt,
 Charles V. Carpenter,
 Edward W. Chapin,
 Francis W. Clark,
 Alfred A. Clatur,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 John S. Coney,
 William H. Cook,
 George Copeland,
 Charles Crittenden,
 Joseph W. Cross,
 Ben. C. Currier,
 George J. Dean,
 William Dean,
 I. W. Derby,
 Seymour B. Dewey,
 C. C. Field,
 Harrison O. Field,
 John H. Fisher,
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
 Daniel C. Fletcher,
 Granville E. Foss,
 Asa H. Goddard,
 A. J. Gove,
 Fitz E. Griffin,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Samuel S. Haynes,
 Lot Higgins,
 Samuel E. Hildreth,
 John W. Hollis,

Messrs. Lewis Holmes,
 David P. Howes,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Richard H. Humphrey,
 Thomas P. Hurlbut,
 Thomas Ingalls,
 George P. Kendrick,
 Charles R. Ladd,
 Noah D. Ladd,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 Elijah Marion,
 David Mayhew,
 Charles W. Morrill,
 C. D. Morse,
 Lewis R. Norton,
 Hiram Packard,
 John B. Parker,
 Charles Perley,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 John W. Regan,
 George T. Ryder,
 Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,
 John Samson,
 Amos J. Saunders,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 Augustus J. Sawyer,
 Roger H. Scannell,
 James B. Shaw,
 Amos W. Shumway,
 Henry C. Skinner,
 Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
 A. L. Soule,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 Oliver M. Stacey,
 William Stewart,
 Thomas N. Stone,
 Joseph A. Titus,
 Hugh J. Toland,
 Q. A. Vinal,
 William N. Walker,
 Andrew J. Waters,
 George H. Whitman,
 Austin Whitney,
 Samuel Winslow,
 Oliver Wolcott,
 Moses D. Woodbury,
 Elijah N. Woods.

Yeas, 112; nays, 95.

The bill in addition to an act to supply the town of Winchester with pure water was read and debated.

Mr. Hill of Stoneham offered amendments, which were rejected.

Mr. Cook of Boston moved to strike out section three, which was carried, and the bill was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the new draft.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Lowell the resolve in favor of George H. Morse and Albert Pinder was laid on the table.

The bill to authorize the Boston Land Company to exclude tide-water from their lands was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill concerning commercial fertilizers was read and amended, on motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, so that the chemist be paid fifteen dollars for each analysis instead of an annual salary, and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The orders of the day were temporarily tabled on motion of Mr. Benton of Brookline, and on his motion the bill relating to the taxation of bank shares was discharged from the orders, and ordered to be placed first in the orders for to-morrow.

The orders of the day were taken from the table.

The bill in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company was read and debated, but before a vote was reached, on motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown the House

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 25, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

David B.
Kimball.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, on leave, introduced a bill to confirm certain acts done by David B. Kimball as a justice of the peace; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wilson of Boston asked leave to introduce a bill in relation to the increase of capital stock by street railway corporations. Street railway corporations.

The Speaker deciding that it came within the provisions of the 19th joint rule,

On motion of Mr. Sargent of Lowell the rule was suspended by a vote of 88 to 13, the bill was introduced, referred to the committee on Horse Railways, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Senate resolve in favor of Charles J. Cox, reported that the same ought to pass. The resolve was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow. Charles J. Cox.

Paper from the Senate.

A bill to authorize the city of Worcester to purchase land as a place for slaughter-houses, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, and on motion of Mr. Cook of Boston, was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Worcester—land for slaughter-houses.

On motion of Mr. Stone of Wellfleet the bill to establish a half-mill fund for the support of the public schools was discharged from the orders of the day and postponed until Tuesday next, to be placed first in the orders. Half-mill fund for support of schools.

On motion of Mr. Nowell of Boston the bill to unite the city of Boston and the town of Brookline was discharged from the orders of the day, and postponed until Tuesday next, to be placed second in the orders of the day. Boston and Brookline.

On motion of Mr. Granger of Boston the resolves in favor of Walter and Francis Shanly were discharged from the orders of the day, and on motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, were postponed until to-morrow, to be placed first in the orders of the day. Walter and Francis Shanly.

On motion of Mr. Wilson of Boston the bill to authorize the South Boston Railroad Company to increase its capital stock was laid on the table. South Boston R. R. Co.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston the report of the committee on Printing, in favor of having two thousand copies of the Report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor bound, one thousand copies to be for the use of the Bureau, and the remainder for the use of the legislature, was discharged from the orders of the day, considered, accepted, and sent up for concurrence. Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bills :

In addition to an act to provide for the appointment of inspectors of provisions in cities and towns ;

Concerning the building, by the city of Somerville, of a drain through the city of Cambridge ;

To provide clerical assistance for district attorneys ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to appoint a commission to examine the subject of insurance, was amended by substituting a resolve providing for the codification of the general laws relating to insurance and for other purposes, and was then ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

In relation to mortgages by guardians and others ;

To incorporate the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Winchendon, and for other purposes ; and the

Resolve in favor of the town of Groton ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill concerning the public landing-places in the town of Milton was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company was considered and debated. The noon recess occurred before a vote was reached.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The debate on the bill in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad was resumed.

Mr. Howard of Northbridge moved the previous question, and the motion prevailed.

Mr. Benton of Brookline called for the yeas and nays, and the motion being lost by a vote of 155 to 33, the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The bill relating to the taxation of bank shares was read and debated. It was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. On motion of Mr. Benton of Brookline the rule was suspended requiring the Clerk to retain the bill for purposes of reconsideration.

The bill to incorporate the Chapin Banking and Trust Company of Springfield was read and considered.

Mr. Holmes of Fall River proposed several amendments.

On motion of Mr. Sanger of Cambridge the bill was postponed until to-morrow and the amendments were ordered to be printed.

An engrossed House bill to continue the charter of the Boston, Lynn and Peabody Railroad, and to reduce its capital stock, was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate. Bills passed.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 26, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Engrossed House bills :

To establish the salary of the Attorney-General ; in relation to the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston harbor ; to authorize the city of Boston to appropriate money for the relief of disabled firemen and families of those killed ; to authorize the city of Haverhill to construct a wharf and a bridge over Little River ; to relieve parties affected by the acts of executors, administrators, &c., irregularly appointed, &c., were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate. Bills passed.

Papers from the Senate.

The Speaker announced that he had received from the Clerk of the Senate notice that the House bill to authorize guardians to sell the real estate of their wards at private sale had been rejected by the Senate. Guardians and their wards.

A bill in addition to an act to authorize the purchase of land for a camp-ground for the militia, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, was read, and on motion of Mr. Hoyt of Athol the rule was suspended, the bill took its several readings, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Militia—land for a camp-ground.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt the rule requiring the bill to be retained for purposes of reconsideration was also suspended, and the bill was sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown the bill to unite the city of Charlestown with the city of Boston was discharged from the orders and postponed until Wednesday next, to be placed first in the orders of the day. Annexation of Charlestown and Boston.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

The resolve in favor of Charles J. Cox was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the Boston Land Company to exclude tide-water from their lands ; and the resolves :

In favor of Edward J. Jones ; providing for the codification of the general laws relating to insurance, and for other purposes ; were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The resolve establishing a state normal art school was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolves in favor of Walter and Francis Shanly were read and debated at length.

Amendments were offered by Mr. Phillips of Salem, Mr. Sprague of Framingham and Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth.

Mr. Cook of Boston moved the previous question ; the motion prevailed by a vote of 59 to 54. The amendments were rejected.

Mr. Phillips of Salem called for the yeas and nays on the question of engrossment. The House refused to order the same by a vote of 22 to 105, and the resolves were passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Chapin Banking and Trust Company of Springfield was considered and debated.

Amendments were proposed by Mr. Hammond of Cambridge and Mr. Wilson of Boston. Before a vote was reached the House adjourned.

MONDAY, April 28, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

John Worster.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge presented the petition of John Worster for refunding of a bank tax ; referred to the committee on Claims and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Warrants in criminal cases.

The Speaker announced that he had received notice from the Clerk of the Senate that the House bill in relation to the service of warrants in criminal cases by constables and police officers had been rejected by that branch.

Truant children.

The House concurred with the Senate in an amendment to the bill concerning truant children and absentees from school, and

Lexington Water Co.

Non-concurred in an amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill to establish the Lexington Water Company.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize towns and cities to appropriate money toward paying the expense of maintaining libraries; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Libraries.

Mr. Dudley of Northampton, on leave, introduced a bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the courts for the county of Hampshire; referred to the same committee. Clerk of courts in Hampshire County.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Hampden to borrow money for certain purposes ;

To authorize cities and towns to contract for a supply of water ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To authorize the First Baptist Society of Newbury and Newburyport to sell their real estate ;

In addition to an act to authorize the purchase of land for a camp-ground for the militia ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill concerning the militia, made a report asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill. Militia.

The report was accepted, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The same gentleman from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, reported that in the present condition of the finances of the state, the resolve ought not to pass. The report and bill were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the order relative to the appointment, by the Governor and Council, of medical experts to testify in criminal cases, reported that it was inexpedient to legislate thereon. The report was accepted. Medical experts.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill to authorize the city of Worcester to purchase land as a place for slaughter-houses, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment. Worcester—land for slaughter-houses.

Public
lands.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the commissioners on public lands to give deeds in certain cases, reported that the same ought to pass.

Discharge
of poor
debtors.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the same committee, to whom was referred an order concerning further legislation with regard to the discharge of persons arrested on mesne process, reported a bill concerning the discharge of poor debtors.

Witnesses
in criminal
cases in
other states.

The same gentleman from the same committee, to whom was referred the annual report of the Attorney-General, reported in part a bill concerning witnesses in criminal prosecutions in other states.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The bill to provide clerical assistance for district-attorneys, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, in a new draft. Sent up for concurrence.

The resolve in favor of Charles J. Cox was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Chapin Banking and Trust Company of Springfield, was further considered. Amendments offered by Mr. Holmes of Fall River were adopted, and those proposed by Mr. Hammond of Cambridge and Mr. Wilson of Boston, were rejected.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The bill giving trial justices of juvenile offenders jurisdiction in matters relating to insane persons, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to authorize the town of Newton to aid the Newton Cemetery Corporation, was read and amended, on motion of Mr. Hurlbut of Sudbury, and was then rejected by a vote of 60 to 63.

The bill to regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments, was read and debated and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The orders of the day were tabled, and on motion of Mr. Nowell of Boston the bill to unite the city of Boston and the town of Brighton, was discharged therefrom and postponed until Thursday, to be placed first in the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Stedman of Boston, the House Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 29, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, the bill to unite the city of Charlestown with the city of Boston, was laid on the table. Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Hayes of Medford, the bill was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Annexation
of Charles-
town and
Boston.

On motion of Mr. Nowell of Boston, the vote by which the House rejected the bill to authorize the town of Newton to aid the Newton Cemetery Corporation, was reconsidered by a vote of 63 to 54.

Newton and
the Newton
Cemetery •
Corpor-
ation.

On motion of the same gentleman, the bill was referred to the committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to examine and report as to the constitutionality of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, it was

Ordered, That a committee of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to consider and report at what time the legislative session may be closed.

Close of the
session.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Phillips of Salem, Cogswell of Yarmouth, Codman of Boston, Hoyt of Athol, Dudley of Northampton, Bailey of Charlestown and Winslow of Newton on the part of the House. Sent up to be joined.

Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury presented the petition of William H. Munroe and 52 others, citizens of Edgartown, for the protection of wild fowl within the limits of said town; which was referred to the committee on Agriculture and sent up for concurrence.

Wild fowl
in Edgar-
town.

Mr. Clatur of Boston, from the committee on the State House, under whose direction the Sergeant-at-Arms was authorized "to lease a suitable building in Boston for the accommodation of the Insurance Department and other state purposes," presented a report with a resolve providing for the expense of refitting a building in Pemberton Square; which was read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Building in
Pemberton
Square.

Mr. Hayes of Medford, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of the town of Newton for a city charter, reported a bill to establish the city of Newton; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Newton—
city charter.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the

Judiciary, to whom was referred the report of the Deputy Tax Commissioner, reported a bill to dissolve certain corporations; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bills :

To amend the General Statutes relating to teachers' institutes, the duties of school committees, and the attendance of children in the public schools ;

To authorize the commissioners on public lands to give deeds in certain cases ;

Concerning the discharge of poor debtors ;

Concerning witnesses in criminal prosecutions in other States ;

To authorize the city of Worcester to purchase land as a place for slaughter-houses ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading, the last-named having been amended.

The bill to annex certain territory in the town of Winchester to the town of Woburn, was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to establish a half-mill fund for the support of the public schools was read and considered.

Various amendments were offered, but before a vote was reached a recess was taken.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

In the afternoon the bill was further debated and considered. The previous question was finally moved and the motion prevailed.

Amendments offered by Mr. Sanger of Danvers, and one offered by Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth were adopted. Mr. Ely of Dedham called for the yeas and nays; they were ordered, the roll was called and the bill was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 126 yeas to 44 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Wales Aldrich,
Francis R. Allen,
Walter B. Allen,
A. S. Atherton,
Horace C. Bacon,
Aaron Bagg,

Messrs. Andrew J. Bailey,
Nahum Bailey, Jr.,
William Baker,
George W. Bardwell,
John M. Batchelder,
Elijah E. Belding,

Messrs. Ezekiel D. Bement,
Austin W. Benton,
Hiram Berry,
Edward L. Bigelow,
Sanford W. Billings,
William R. Black,
Peleg Blankinship,
Franklin Bonney,
James W. Bradley,
Bowman B. Breed,
Richard F. Briggs,
Richard Britton,
Giles E. Brownell,
Moses L. Buck,
Addison Burnett,
Henry Burt,
Jacob B. Calley,
Adam Capen, Jr.,
Edward W. Chapin,
Elijah H. Chisholm,
Francis W. Clark,
George W. Clark,
John B. D. Cogswell,
John S. Coney,
Robert Couch,
Charles Crittenden,
Ben. C. Currier,
John Cushing,
William F. Darby,
Joshua W. Davis,
Seymour B. Dewey,
Lewis J. Dudley,
Joseph Dyer,
Frederick D. Ely,
George O. Fairbanks,
C. C. Field,
Harrison O. Field,
John H. Fisher,
Daniel C. Fletcher,
H. M. French,
Kirke E. Gardner,
Addison Gilbert,
Charles A. Gleason,
Asa H. Goddard,
Stephen D. Goddard,
A. J. Gove,
Fitz E. Griffin,
Charles V. Hanson,
Simeon Hardy,
George H. Harlow,

Messrs. Austin Hawley,
Samuel W. Heath,
Lot Higgins,
Lewis Holmes,
David P. Howes,
Richard H. Humphrey,
Thomas P. Hurlbut,
Alexis W. Ide,
Thomas Ingalls,
Nathan S. Jenkins.
Jonathan Johnson,
Thomas M. Judd,
Jesse E. Keith,
William R. Kentfield,
Charles R. Ladd,
Willard Lewis,
George A. Marden,
Elijah Marion,
Albert Mason,
David Mayhew,
Edward McCleave,
John B. Moore,
Thomas J. Morgan,
C. D. Morse,
Lewis R. Norton,
Edward O. Noyes,
Albert Palmer,
John B. Parker,
J. Winslow Peirce,
John Perkins,
Charles Perley,
Francis E. Porter,
Rodolphus Porter,
Philip H. Robinson,
George T. Ryder,
George J. Sanger,
George P. Sanger,
Joseph L. Sargent,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
John C. Scott,
Robert Seaver,
John Shaw,
Amos W. Shumway,
Joshua B. Smith,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Franklin H. Sprague,
Oliver M. Stacey,
William Stewart,
Thomas N. Stone,
William B. Stone,

Messrs. James G. Tarr,
Joseph A. Titus,
William N. Walker,
Rodney Wallace,
Andrew J. Waters,
T. W. Wellington,
William H. Whitfield,

Messrs. George H. Whitman,
Austin Whitney,
Robert R. Wiley,
Benjamin F. Wing,
Oliver Wolcott,
Moses D. Woodbury,
Elijah N. Woods.

NAYS.

Messrs. James M. Barker,
George Bartholmesz,
John Bigelow,
William E. Blunt,
Dennis Bonner,
Henry B. Chamberlin,
William H. Cook,
William A. Creesy,
George G. Crocker,
Daniel A. Cronin,
George E. Davis,
I. W. Derby,
Henderson J. Edwards,
John E. Fitzgerald,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
William Frost,
Brownell Granger,
John W. Hammond,
David P. Hatch,
Lewis Hayden,
Francis B. Hayes,
Benjamin Heath,

Messrs. Henry B. Hill,
John W. Hollis,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
Barney Hull,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Edward J. Jones,
Samuel W. McDaniel,
Asa P. Morse,
Andrew M. Morton,
John A. Nowell,
Liberty D. Packard,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
Daniel A. Patch,
Calvin T. Phillips,
Willard P. Phillips,
Roger H. Scannell,
Henry P. Shattuck,
Francis D. Stedman,
William Taylor,
Q. A. Vinal,
Henry W. Wilson,
Ezra D. Winslow.

Yeas, 126; nays, 44.

The bill to unite the city of Boston and the town of Brookline was read and debated.

Amendments were proposed by Mr. Benton of Brookline and Mr. Nowell of Boston. Before a vote was reached the House

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 30, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Reforma-
tory prison
for women.

The Speaker announced that he had received notice from the Clerk of the Senate that the House bill to estab-

lish a reformatory prison for women had been rejected by the Senate.

The House concurred in a Senate amendment to the bill to authorize the town of Wakefield to pay bounties to soldiers who served as part of the quota of said town in the recent war, which bill had been engrossed by both branches. Wakefield—
soldiers' bounties.

The report of the conference committee on the bill relating to the channel of Muddy River in Brookline, recommending that the Senate recede from its amendment and that the first section be amended was accepted in concurrence. Brookline—
channel of
Muddy
River.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Prisons consider whether the best interests of the Commonwealth require the continued services of the Commissioners of Prisons. Prison com-
mission.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To establish harbor lines on Charles River ;

Amending an act to establish the city of Chelsea ;

Relating to the channel of Muddy River in Brookline ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To authorize trials in the superior court instead of before sheriffs' juries ;

Concerning the Newburyport bridges ;

Concerning the public landing places in the town of Milton ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

In favor of Russell Gray ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

In favor of the state lunatic hospital at Taunton ;

To authorize the county commissioners for the County of Essex to borrow money ;

Authorizing the Boston Land Company to exclude tide-water from their lands ;

In favor of Edward J. Jones ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Dudley of Northampton, gave notice that he proposed at the proper time to offer several amendments to Hoosac
Tunnel.

the bill concerning the Hoosac Tunnel which had been presented by the minority of the committee on Railways; and on his motion the amendments were ordered to be printed.

Annexation
of Brookline
to Boston.

Mr. Hanson of Peabody moved that the vote on ordering to a third reading the bill to unite the city of Boston and the town of Brookline, be taken at 2.30 P. M., to-day unless sooner reached.

Mr. Winslow of Newton, moved that the vote be taken at 12.30 to-day, and that speakers be limited to ten minutes each. The motion of Mr. Hanson was lost, and Mr. Winslow's was carried.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The bill to unite the city of Boston and the town of Brookline, was considered. The vote was taken at the hour which had previously been designated. Amendments offered by Mr. Benton of Brookline and Mr. Nowell of Boston were adopted.

Mr. Parker of New Bedford called for the yeas and nays on the main question. The motion was lost by a vote of 33 to 133.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading by a vote of 102 to 72.

The bill to unite the city of Charlestown with the city of Boston was considered and debated, but before a vote was reached the time arrived for the noon recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The debate on the bill to unite the cities of Charlestown and Boston was resumed.

Speakers were limited to ten minutes each, and at 3.30 P. M., on motion of Mr. Clark of Newburyport the debate was closed, and the bill was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 109 to 64.

The bill to regulate the practice of pharmacy in this Commonwealth, was read and discussed. Several amendments were rejected, and after amendments offered by Mr. Shaw of Middleborough and Mr. Nowell of Boston had been adopted, the bill was rejected.

The bill to establish a Cape Cod station for Boston pilots, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to amend the first and second sections of chapter 41 of the General Statutes, relating to the attendance of children at school, was read and debated.

Amendments proposed by the committee on Education, by Mr. Sargent of Lowell, Mr. Codman of Boston and Mr. Hayes of Boston were adopted, and as amended the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Black of Taunton, the House
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 1, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford, it was

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 39 of the laws of the present year in regard to the sale of gas stock, so as to enable its sale at the place of the location of the works.

Sale of gas stock.

Mr. McCleave of Nantucket, on leave, introduced a resolve in favor of Edward C. Austin; which was referred to the committee on Claims, and sent up for concurrence.

Edward C. Austin.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, it was

Ordered, That no member shall occupy more than ten minutes' time in debate upon any one question, except by leave of the House.

Limitation of debate.

Mr. Titus of Worcester, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, reported that the bill in relation to widows' dower ought to pass in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Widows' dower.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to confirm certain acts done by David B. Kimball as a justice of the peace, reported that the same ought to pass. The bill was ordered to a second reading.

David B. Kimball.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted the bill concerning the grade of certain lands in the city of Boston, reported that the same ought to pass in a new draft. The bill was read and ordered to a second reading.

Boston grade of lands.

Papers from the Senate.

The bill to incorporate the Boston Mortgage Company came down from the Senate with two amendments, in both of which the House concurred.

Boston Mortgage Co.

North Bennet Street Free-Will Baptist Society.

A bill to confirm the proceedings of the North Bennet Street Free-Will Baptist Society, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bills :

To unite the city of Boston and the town of Brighton ;
Relating to the employment of children and regulations respecting them ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize the commissioners on public lands to give deeds in certain cases ;

Concerning witnesses in criminal prosecutions in other states ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to authorize the city of Worcester to purchase land as a place for slaughter-houses was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to exempt vessels employed in the coasting trade from compulsory pilotage was read and debated. Several amendments were rejected, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The bill authorizing the town of Arlington to take water from Vine Brook was read and debated, but before a vote was reached the noon recess was taken.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

In the afternoon the discussion on the bill was resumed, and it was rejected.

The bill to unite the city of Boston and the town of West Roxbury was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Soule of Springfield the bill to amend chapter 55 of the General Statutes, relating to limited partnerships was postponed until to-morrow.

The bill in relation to the property and rights of husbands and wives was read and considered.

Mr. Sprague of Framingham proposed a substitute, which was rejected, and the bill was referred to the next General Court.

The bill in addition to an act to provide for the appoint-

ment of inspectors of provisions in cities and towns was read and debated, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence in a new draft, which was sent up for concurrence.

The bill in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company was read and debated. Mr. Hayes of Boston moved that the subject be recommitted to the Finance Committee to ascertain and report what sum of money would be required to reimburse parties who, in good faith, invested in the stock or securities of the Lee and New Haven Railroad, in the belief that the benefits of the loan act to that company continued in force in consequence of the legislation of eighteen hundred and seventy-two. Before a vote was reached the orders of the day were laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown the bill relating to widows' dower; and the

Reports of the committee on Military Affairs :

Leave to withdraw on the petition of Major Dexter H. Follett, commanding the 1st Battery Light Artillery, M.V.M., for an appropriation for new uniforms for his command;

Leave to withdraw on the petition of B. F. Finan, for compensation for damage to uniforms of the 9th Regiment, M.V.M.;

Leave to withdraw on the petition of William Evans and others, captains of the 1st Regiment of Infantry, M.V.M., for uniforms; and

Leave to withdraw on the petition of Charles S. Babcock and others, for an allowance for uniforms;

Were severally taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the reports of the committee on the Liquor Law :

Leave to withdraw on the petition of Rodney French and others, against an increase of the state constabulary under the authority of the present board of police commissioners;

Leave to withdraw on the petition of George S. Ball and others, for an increase of the state police; and

Leave to withdraw on the memorial of Daniel Holt and others, for an impartial execution of the laws;

Were severally taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of the same gentleman the House
Adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 2, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Building in
Pemberton
Square.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve providing for the expense of refitting a building in Pemberton Square, reported that the same ought to pass. The resolve was ordered to a second reading.

Constables
in the Bos-
ton munic-
pal court.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of S. S. Vialle and others, reported a bill to provide for attendance of constables at sessions of the municipal court of the city of Boston; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Robert
Vose, Jr.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to confirm certain acts done by Robert Vose, Jr., as coroner, reported that the same ought to pass, and it was ordered to a second reading.

Annuities to
Judges.

Mr. Cummings of Woburn asked leave to introduce a bill to provide for payment of annuities to certain judicial officers after retirement from office, but leave was refused by a vote of 39 to 66.

Boston and
Albany
R. R.—lo-
cation in
Russell and
Montgom-
ery.

On motion of Mr. Soule of Springfield, the bill to authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to change the location of its railroad in the towns of Russell and Montgomery was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

Amending an act relating to the assessment of taxes omitted in the annual taxation ;

To authorize the town of Wakefield to pay bounties to soldiers who served as part of the quota of said town during the recent war ;

To supply the village of Attleborough with pure water for the extinguishment of fires and for other purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The bill to confirm certain acts done by David B. Kimball as a justice of the peace was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to establish a Cape Cod station for Boston pilots was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company was further debated.

Mr. Cook of Boston moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered.

The yeas and nays were ordered on motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton, the roll was called and the bill was passed to be engrossed by a vote of 112 yeas to 54 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. A. S. Atherton,
 Aaron Bagg,
 George W. Bardwell,
 James M. Barker,
 Elijah E. Belding,
 Ezekiel D. Bement,
 Edward A. Berdge,
 Hiram Berry,
 John Bigelow,
 Sanford W. Billings,
 Richard Britton,
 Moses L. Buck,
 William H. Buck,
 Addison Burnett,
 Henry Burt,
 Adam Capen, Jr.,
 Sumner Carruth,
 Henry B. Chamberlin,
 Edward W. Chapin,
 Francis W. Clark,
 John S. Coney,
 William H. Cook,
 William A. Creesy,
 George G. Crocker,
 John Cushing,
 William F. Darby,
 Joshua W. Davis,
 William Dean,
 I. W. Derby,
 Harrison O. Field,
 John H. Fisher,
 Daniel C. Fletcher,
 Kirke E. Gardner,
 Addison Gilbert,
 A. J. Gove,
 Brownell Granger,

Messrs. John W. Hammond,
 Simeon Hardy,
 Austin Hawley,
 David P. Hatch,
 Samuel S. Haynes,
 Benjamin Heath,
 Samuel W. Heath,
 Samuel E. Hildreth,
 John W. Hollis,
 Lewis Holmes,
 Samuel B. Hopkins,
 Emory A. Howard,
 David P. Howes,
 George H. Hoyt,
 E. Atherton Hunt,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Alexis W. Ide,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Edward J. Jones,
 Thomas M. Judd,
 Jesse E. Keith,
 Lucius W. Knight,
 Charles R. Ladd,
 Noah D. Ladd,
 Willard Lewis,
 George A. Marden,
 Elijah Marion,
 Albert Mason,
 Edward McCleave,
 Samuel W. McDaniel,
 Thomas J. Morgan,
 Lewis R. Norton,
 John A. Nowell,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Hiram Packard,
 Albert Palmer,

Messrs. John B. Parker,
 Henry W. Phelps,
 William C. Plunkett,
 Francis E. Porter,
 Rodolphus Porter,
 George Purrington, Jr.,
 George T. Ryder,
 Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,
 John Samson,
 George J. Sanger,
 George P. Sanger,
 Joseph L. Sargent,
 Amos J. Saunders,
 John C. Scott,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 Nathan B. Seaver,
 Robert Seaver,
 James B. Shaw,
 Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
 Reuben G. Sparks,

Messrs. Franklin H. Sprague,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 William Stewart,
 William B. Stone,
 Andrew H. Sweet,
 James G. Tarr,
 E. Loring Thayer,
 Joseph A. Titus,
 Marcus Truesdell,
 William N. Walker,
 Andrew J. Waters,
 Edward F. Watson,
 T. W. Wellington,
 James L. White,
 George H. Whitman,
 Austin Whitney,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Oliver Wolcott,
 Moses D. Woodbury,
 Elijah N. Woods.

NAYS.

Messrs. Horace C. Bacon,
 George Bartholemesz,
 Austin W. Benton,
 Edward L. Bigelow,
 Peleg Blankinship,
 William E. Blunt,
 James W. Bradley,
 Bowman B. Breed,
 Giles E. Brownell,
 Jacob B. Calley,
 Elijah H. Chisholm,
 Charles R. Codman,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 George Copeland,
 Robert Couch,
 Joseph W. Cross,
 Ben. C. Currier,
 George E. Davis,
 George J. Dean,
 Joseph Dyer,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 C. C. Field,
 William Frost,
 Asa H. Goddard,
 Stephen D. Goddard,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 George H. Harlow,

Messrs. Lewis Hayden,
 Francis B. Hayes,
 Lot Higgins,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Charles J. Holmes,
 Thomas P. Hurlbut,
 Thomas Ingalls,
 George P. Kendrick,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 John B. Moore,
 Weaver Osborn,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 John Perkins,
 Calvin T. Phillips,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 John Shaw,
 Amos W. Shumway,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 A. L. Soule,
 James A. Stetson,
 Charles Talbot,
 Q. A. Vinal,
 William H. Whitfield,
 Henry W. Wilson,
 Benjamin F. Wing,
 Ezra D. Winslow.

Yeas, 112; nays, 54.

The usual noon recess was then taken.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion of Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge, the orders of the day were laid upon the table.

The same gentleman, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, to whom was referred the petition of the mayor of Somerville for authority to fill the basins of Miller's River, reported a bill for the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hayes of Medford, the bills:

To unite the city of Boston and the town of Brookline; Annexation of Brookline, Charlestown and Brighton to Boston.

To unite the city of Charlestown with the city of Boston;

To unite the city of Boston and the town of Brighton;

Were severally discharged from the orders of the day and recommitted to the committee on Towns.

The orders of the day were taken from the table and the bill to amend chapter 55 of the General Statutes, relating to limited partnerships, was read and discussed. An amendment offered by Mr. Sanger of Cambridge was adopted and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The bill concerning the building, by the city of Somerville, of a drain through the city of Cambridge, was read and amended on motion of Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill concerning the militia was read.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol, Mr. Codman of Boston, Mr. Hayes of Boston, Mr. Shattuck of Boston and Mr. Splaine of Boston proposed amendments, and on motion of the first named gentleman the bill was postponed until to-morrow, to be placed first in the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Marden of Lowell the resolve in favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy was postponed until Tuesday next.

The resolve in favor of Geo. H. Morse and Albert Pinder was read and debated, Mr. Phillips of Salem moving to recommit the resolve to the committee on Finance.

Pending the consideration of the resolve, on motion of Mr. Sprague of Framingham, the House

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, May 3, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

In addition to an act to supply the town of Winchester with pure water ;

To incorporate the Boston Mortgage Company ;

To authorize the city of Boston to build an additional reservoir ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

*Paper from the Senate.***Attachments upon real estate.**

A bill in relation to attachments upon real estate, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, in a new draft, came down, and was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Standard policy of insurance.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was recommitted the bill in relation to insurance companies, reported the same in a new draft, entitled "An act to establish a standard form of insurance policies." The bill was read and ordered to a second reading.

Trust companies.

Mr. Holmes of Fall River, from the committee on Banks and Banking, to which was referred the order concerning further legislation in regard to trust companies, reported a bill relating to trust companies, which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The bill to confirm certain acts done by Robert Vose, Jr., as coroner ; and the

Resolve providing for the expense of refitting a building in Pemberton Square ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to confirm certain acts done by David B. Kimball as a justice of the peace, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve in favor of George H. Morse and Albert Pinder, was considered. The motion to recommit the resolve to the committee on Finance was lost and the resolve was rejected.

The bill concerning the militia was debated. Amendments offered by Mr. Hoyt of Athol and Mr. Codman of Boston were adopted. Pending the consideration of amendments offered by Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth and Mr. Shattuck of Boston, the House
Adjourned.

MONDAY, May 5, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Boston and North-Western Railroad Company, to provide for the operation and management of the Hoosac Tunnel and for other purposes, made a report, recommending several amendments to the bill. The report and bill were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Boston and
North-
Western
R. R. Co.

Mr. Purrington of Mattapoisett, from the committee on Towns, to whom was recommitted the bill to authorize the town of Dartmouth to discontinue a private burial-ground, reported that the same ought not to pass. The report and bill were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Private bur-
ial-ground
in Dart-
mouth.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, it was

Ordered, That Friday next at 12 o'clock, M., be assigned for the choice by ballot of the next preacher of the annual election sermon.

Preacher of
election ser-
mon.

Mr. Parker of New Bedford, from the committee on Labor, reported on that part of the Governor's message relating to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, presenting a resolve concerning the same; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Gardner Brewer and others, and also the Senate bill to amend chapter 371 of the laws of 1872, relating to the inspection and regulation of buildings in the city of Boston, and for other purposes, reported that the same ought to pass. The bill was read and ordered to a second reading.

Boston—
building act.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the same committee, to whom was referred to petitions of Wm. T. Cook and others, and sundry other petitions, for a repeal of the laws which provide for the taxation of incomes, reported a

Taxation of
income.

bill relating to the taxation of incomes ; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Annexation
of Brighton,
Charles-
town and
Brookline
to Boston.

Mr. Hayes of Medford, from the committee on Towns, to whom was recommitted the several bills to annex Brighton, Charlestown and Brookline to Boston, reported the bills with amendments.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown also moved an amendment to the bill to annex Charlestown to Boston.

On motion of Mr. Nowell of Boston, the bills were ordered to be placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow next after the resolve in favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

Paper from the Senate.

Boston and
West Rox-
bury R. R.
Co.

A bill concerning the Boston and West Roxbury Railroad Company, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The reports of the committee on Military Affairs :

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Major Dexter H. Follett, commanding the 1st Battery Light Artillery, M. V.M., for an appropriation for new uniforms for his command ;

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of B. F. Finan, for compensation for damage to uniforms of the 9th Regiment, M.V.M. ;

Leave to withdraw on the petition of William Evans and others, captains of the 1st Regiment of Infantry, M. V.M., for uniforms ; and

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles S. Babcock and others, for an allowance for uniforms ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The reports of the committee on the Liquor Law :

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Rodney French, and others, against an increase of the state constabulary under the authority of the present board of police commissioners ;

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of George S. Ball and others, for an increase of the state police ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. White of Plymouth proposed a resolve to abolish the board of police commissioners and giving the power

now vested in them to His Excellency the Governor, as a substitute for the report of the committee on the Liquor Law, leave to withdraw, on the memorial of Daniel Holt and others for the impartial execution of the laws.

The House refused to substitute the resolve and the report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The bill concerning the militia was considered. Amendments offered by Mr. Splaine of Boston and Mr. Hoyt of Athol, were adopted, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The bill to dissolve certain corporations was read and amended on motion of Mr. Parker of New Bedford and Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, and was then ordered to a third reading.

The bill concerning the discharge of poor debtors was read, and amendments were offered by Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston and Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth; but the bill was not disposed of.

Bills :

To establish the city of Newton ;

To authorize the raising of the grade of certain lands in the city of Boston for the purpose of preserving the public health in said city ;

In relation to widows' dower ;

To provide for attendance of constables at sessions of the municipal court of the city of Boston ;

For the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities ;

To establish a standard form for insurance policies ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to amend the General Statutes relating to teachers' institutes, the duties of school committees, and the attendance of children in the public schools, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills :

To confirm certain acts done by Robert Vose, Jr., as coroner ;

Relating to the employment of children and regulations respecting them ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to amend chapter 55 of the General Statutes

relating to limited partnerships was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence in a new draft.

The resolve providing for the expense of refitting a building in Pemberton Square, was read and amended on motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to establish a half-mill fund for the support of the public schools was read, and amended on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill relating to trust companies was postponed until to-morrow on motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston.

The bill to authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to change the location of its railroad in the towns of Russell and Montgomery was postponed until to-morrow on motion of Mr. Parker of New Bedford.

State Agricultural College.

On motion of Mr. Sears of Barnstable the bill to provide uniforms for the cadets of the state agricultural college was taken from the table and rejected.

Charles River and Warren Bridges.

The bill concerning Charles River and Warren Bridges was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, May 6, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Mr. Bowker of Boston, from the committee on the Labor Question, presented a minority report as a member of that committee on that portion of the message of His Excellency the Governor in relation to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which was ordered to be printed with the report of the committee.

Attachments upon real estate.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill in relation to attachments upon real estate, reported that the same ought to pass. The bill was ordered to a second reading.

Hubbardston school districts.

On motion of Mr. Sanger of Cambridge the rule requiring a motion to reconsider a vote on the same or the following day was suspended, and the vote was reconsidered by which the House accepted the report of the committee on the Judiciary (leave to withdraw) upon the

petition of the selectmen of Hubbardston to legalize certain action of the town in relation to school districts.

Mr. Sanger moved to substitute for the report a bill to confirm the doings of the town of Hubbardston in changing the number of school districts in said town and for other purposes. The bill was substituted and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Wellington of Worcester presented the petition of the mayor of that city for an amendment of chapter 343 of the acts of 1871, concerning the Union Depot in Worcester. On motion of Mr. Titus of Worcester the 19th joint rule was suspended and the petition was received and referred to the committee on Railways and sent up for concurrence.

Union De-
pot in Wor-
cester.

Papers from the Senate.

The House concurred with the Senate in the suspension of the 19th joint rule to admit a bill to allow C. P. Stickney and Joseph A. Bowen to extend their wharf in Fall River, and concurred in the reference of the same to the committee on Harbors.

C. P. Stick-
ney, Joseph
A. Bowen.

A bill to amend an act relating to betterments, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Betterment
law.

The following order, offered by Mr. Scott of Blackstone yesterday, which had been laid over by request, was considered and rejected by a vote of 40 to 64 :—

Ordered, That when the House adjourn on Thursday next, it be to meet on Monday following at 2 o'clock, P. M. Also, that the Sergeant-at-Arms be requested to make the necessary arrangements for a visit of members of the House to the Hoosac Tunnel, on Friday morning next.

Legislative
visit to the
Hoosac
Tunnel.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

Giving trial justices of juvenile offenders jurisdiction in matters relating to insane persons (which originated in the House of Representatives) ;

To authorize the city of Worcester to purchase land for slaughter-houses (which originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Providing for the codification of general laws relating to insurance and for other purposes ;

In favor of the town of Belchertown ;
 In favor of Abner J. Pierce ;
 In favor of the State Normal School at Bridgewater ;
 (Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Burial-ground in Sharon.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, upon the petition of Darius M. Foss and others, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, reported that the same ought to be accepted. The report was considered and accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

North Bennet Street Free-Will Baptist Society.

The same gentleman from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill to confirm certain proceedings of the North Bennet Street Free-Will Baptist Society, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment to the title, viz. : to add the words "of Boston." The bill was ordered to a second reading.

Public libraries.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to authorize towns and cities to appropriate money toward paying the expenses of maintaining libraries, reported that the same ought to pass. The bill was ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The bill to amend chapter 371 of the laws of 1872, relating to the inspection and regulation of buildings in the city of Boston, and for other purposes, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the town of Dartmouth to discontinue a private burial-ground, was rejected.

The resolve in favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy was debated, but no vote had been reached at 1 o'clock, when the House took a recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Debate on the above resolve was resumed. Finally, on motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the resolve was postponed until to-morrow.

Amendments proposed by the committee on Towns to the bill to unite the city of Boston and the town of Brighton, were adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Amendments proposed by the same committee to the bill to unite the city of Charlestown with the city of Boston, were adopted. An amendment offered by Mr. Bailey of Charlestown to give the mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston the same rights and powers, from time to time, to grant locations and extend the tracks of the Middlesex Railroad Company in the streets of the city of Boston, as they now have to grant locations and extend the tracks of the Metropolitan, or any other street railway company in Boston, was considered and rejected by a vote of 35 to 71. The bill was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Amendments proposed by the committee on Towns to the bill to unite the city of Boston and the town of Brookline, were adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill concerning the discharge of poor debtors was considered and postponed until to-morrow.

The orders of the day were laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, the bill concerning Charles River and Warren bridges, was discharged from the orders, Mr. Evans of Everett, withdrew his substitute, and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Charles
River and
Warren
Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, the bill to incorporate the Boston and North-Western Railroad Company, to provide for the operation of the Hoosac Tunnel and for other purposes, was discharged from the orders, and postponed until Thursday, to be placed first in the orders of the day.

Boston and
North-
Western
R. R. Co.

Mr. Sargent of Lowell, from the committee on Horse Railways, to whom was referred the bill in relation to the increase of capital stock by street railway corporations, reported that the same ought to pass. The bill was ordered to a second reading.

Street rail-
way corpor-
ations.

On motion of Mr. Nowell of Boston, the House Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 7, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Hanson of Peabody, on leave, introduced a bill in further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and

Liquor law.

sale of intoxicating liquors ; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Codification
of the laws.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, who were directed to consider the expediency of providing by statute for codification of the laws, reported that it was inexpedient to legislate thereon. The report was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Fire-proof
buildings.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the same committee, to whom was recommended the resolve relative to the appointment of a commission to inquire and report upon the best methods of constructing fire-proof buildings, reported that the resolve ought not to pass. Messrs. Sanger of Cambridge and Fitzgerald of Boston presented a minority report in favor of the resolve. The report and bill were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Betterment
law.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to amend an act relating to betterments, reported that the same ought to pass, and it was ordered to a second reading.

Clerk of
courts of
Hampshire
County.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the courts for the county of Hampshire, reported that the same ought to pass, and it was ordered to a second reading.

County
commission-
ers of Dukes
County.

Mr. Stacey of Lynn, from the committee on Prisons, to whom was referred the petition of the county commissioners of Dukes County, reported a resolve authorizing them to borrow money, and it was ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on the close of the session, reported in favor of the following order, which was adopted and sent up for concurrence :—

Close of the
session.

Ordered, That under the rules and for all legislative purposes the week commencing Monday, May 12, shall be considered the last week of the session.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

Westfield
water sup-
ply.
Steam-boil-
ers.
C. P. Stick-
ney and
Joseph A.
Bowen.

To supply the town of Westfield with pure water ;
Requiring returns in relation to steam-boilers (new draft) ;

To authorize Charles P. Stickney and Joseph A. Bowen to extend their wharf in Fall River ;

Which had severally been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and ordered to a second reading.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To establish the Lexington Water Company ;

Relating to clerical assistance for district attorneys ;

To annex certain territory in the town of Winchester to the town of Woburn ;

In relation to mortgages by guardians and others ;

To provide for inquests in case of fire ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To establish a Cape Cod station for Boston pilots ;

To exempt vessels employed in the coasting trade from compulsory pilotage ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed resolve in favor of the town of Groton (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton the bill to establish the city of Newton was discharged from the orders, and several amendments proposed by him were adopted. On motion of Mr. Judd of Lee the bill was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed in the amended form.

City of Newton.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bills :

To confirm the doings of the town of Hubbardston in changing the number of school districts in said town, and for other purposes ;

To confirm the proceedings of the North Bennet Street Free-Will Baptist Society ;

In relation to the increase of capital stock by street railway corporations ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to provide for attendance of constables at sessions of the municipal court of the city of Boston was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve in favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy was debated, the yeas and nays were ordered on motion of Mr. Cook of Boston, the roll was called and

the House refused to reject the resolve by a vote of 77 yeas to 102 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Wales Aldrich,
A. S. Atherton,
Aaron Bagg,
Nahum Bailey, Jr.,
Ezekiel D. Bement,
Austin W. Benton,
William R. Black,
George B. Blake,
Peleg Blankinship,
Horace L. Bowker,
James W. Bradley,
Giles E. Brownell,
Addison Burnett,
Jacob B. Calley,
Edward W. Chapin,
Elijah H. Chisholm,
George W. Clark,
John B. D. Cogswell,
George Copeland,
Charles Crittenden,
Joseph W. Cross,
George E. Davis,
Seymour B. Dewey,
Lewis J. Dudley,
Joseph Dyer,
Alonzo H. Evans,
John H. Fisher,
Daniel C. Fletcher,
H. M. French,
Charles A. Gleason,
Fitz E. Griffin,
Isaac D. Hall,
Simeon Hardy,
Austin Hawley,
Samuel W. Heath,
Lot Higgins,
Emory A. Howard,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Nathan S. Jenkins,

Messrs. Jonathan Johnson,
Thomas M. Judd,
Jesse E. Keith,
Charles R. Ladd,
Noah D. Ladd,
Almond R. Lancaster,
Willard Lewis,
Albert Mason,
Lewis R. Norton,
John A. Nowell,
Weaver Osborn,
Hiram Packard,
John B. Parker,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
Daniel A. Patch,
John Perkins,
Willard P. Phillips,
George Furrington, Jr.,
George T. Ryder,
Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Nathaniel Sears,
Amos W. Shumway,
Henry C. Skinner,
Francis D. Stedman,
William Stewart,
Charles Talbot,
James G. Tarr,
William Taylor,
Hugh J. Toland,
Q. A. Vinal,
William N. Walker,
James L. White,
William H. Whitfield,
Ezra D. Winslow,
Oliver Wolcott,
Moses D. Woodbury,
Elijah N. Woods.

NAYS.

Messrs. Andrew J. Bailey,
William Baker,
George W. Bardwell,

Messrs. James M. Barker,
George Bartholmesz,
John M. Batchelder,

Messrs. Elijah E. Belding,
 Edward A. Berdge,
 Hiram Berry,
 Edward L. Bigelow,
 John Bigelow,
 Sanford W. Billings,
 William E. Blunt,
 Franklin Bonney,
 Bowman B. Breed,
 Moses L. Buck,
 William H. Buck,
 Henry Burt,
 Adam Capen, Jr.,
 Sumner Carruth,
 Charles V. Carpenter,
 Henry B. Chamberlin,
 Albe C. Clark,
 Charles R. Codman,
 John S. Coney,
 William H. Cook,
 William A. Creesy,
 George G. Crocker,
 John Cummings,
 John Cushing,
 Joshua W. Davis,
 I. W. Derby,
 Frederick D. Ely,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 C. C. Field,
 Harrison O. Field,
 Eustace C. Fitz,
 John E. Fitzgerald,
 T. F. Fitz Gerald,
 John W. Fletcher,
 Granville E. Foss,
 William Frost,
 Kirke E. Gardner,
 John Gates,
 Asa H. Goddard,
 Brownell Granger,
 John W. Hammond,
 George H. Harlow,
 David P. Hatch,
 Lewis Hayden,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Francis B. Hayes,
 Samuel S. Haynes,
 Benjamin Heath,

Messrs. Samuel E. Hildreth,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Charles J. Holmes,
 Lewis Holmes,
 David P. Howes,
 Edward J. Jones,
 William R. Kentfield,
 George A. Marden,
 Elijah Marion,
 Edward McCleave,
 Samuel W. McDaniel,
 Thomas J. Morgan,
 Asa P. Morse,
 C. D. Morse,
 Andrew M. Morton,
 Albert Palmer,
 Charles Perley,
 Calvin T. Phillips,
 Francis E. Porter,
 Rodolphus Porter,
 Henry J. Read,
 Philip H. Robinson,
 George J. Sanger,
 George P. Sanger,
 Joseph L. Sargent,
 Amos J. Saunders,
 John C. Scott,
 Robert Seaver,
 John Shaw,
 James Smith,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 A. L. Soule,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 Oliver M. Stacey,
 James A. Stetson,
 William B. Stone,
 Andrew H. Sweet,
 Joseph A. Titus,
 Andrew J. Waters,
 Edward F. Watson,
 T. W. Wellington,
 Tisdale S. White,
 Austin Whitney,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Henry W. Wilson,
 Benjamin B. Wing,
 Samuel Winslow.

Yeas, 77; nays, 102.

The bill concerning the discharge of poor debtors was considered, and on motion of Mr. Ely of Dedham it was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

The bill to authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to change the location of its railroad in the towns of Russell and Montgomery was debated, but before a vote was reached the House took the usual noon recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Debate on the above bill was resumed. Amendments offered by Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, Mr. Ladd of Springfield and Mr. Chapin of Holyoke were adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill relating to trust companies was read and discussed. Several amendments were adopted and the bill was rejected by a vote of 40 to 69.

The bill relating to the taxation of incomes was read and debated, Mr. Fitz of Chelsea moving the following substitute for the first section :—

"SECTION 1. So much of section 4 of chapter 11 of the General Statutes and of acts passed subsequently thereto as provide for the taxation of income from an annuity and from a profession, trade or employment are hereby repealed."

Pending the consideration of the subject the House, on motion of Mr. Benton of Brookline,
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 8, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Inquest in
case of fire.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill in addition to an act to provide inquest in case of fire, reported that the same ought not to pass. The report and bill were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Boston,
Hartford &
Erie R. R.—
New York
and New
England
R. R. Co.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the petition of William T. Hart and others, trustees under the Berdell mortgage, for additional legislation concerning the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad, reported a bill concerning the New York and New England Railroad Company; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Winslow of Newton presented the petition of J. Franklin Fuller for refunding of a bank tax paid twice; which was referred to the committee on Claims and sent up for concurrence.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

Relating to the attendance of children at school (which originated in the House of Representatives) ;

To incorporate the Chapin Banking and Trust Company of Springfield (which originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary (expedient) on an order to inquire into the expediency of providing by statute for codification of the laws was accepted.

Bills :

In relation to attachments of real estate ;

To authorize the county commissioners of Dukes County to borrow money ;

To fix the salary of the clerk of the courts for the county of Hampshire ;

To supply the town of Westfield with pure water ;

To authorize Charles P. Stickney and Joseph A. Bowen to extend their wharf in Fall River ;

To amend an act relating to betterments ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill in relation to widows' dower was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill relating to the taxation of incomes was taken up. The amendment to abolish the tax, offered by Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, was considered. Mr. Bailey of Charlestown called for the yeas and nays ; they were ordered, the roll was called, and the amendment was rejected by a vote of 78 yeas to 93 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Wales Aldrich,
Horace C. Bacon,
William Baker,
James M. Barker,
John Bigelow,

Messrs. Sanford W. Billings,
William E. Blunt,
Franklin Bonney,
Richard F. Briggs,
Adam Capen, Jr.,

Messrs. Sumner Carruth,
 George W. Clark,
 William H. Cook,
 George G. Crocker,
 Joseph W. Cross,
 John Cushing,
 George E. Davis,
 Joshua W. Davis,
 William Dean,
 I. W. Derby,
 Eustace C. Fitz,
 John E. Fitzgerald,
 John W. Fletcher,
 John Gates,
 Brownell Granger,
 Isaac D. Hall,
 Lewis Hayden,
 Samuel S. Haynes,
 Benjamin Heath,
 Samuel E. Hildreth,
 Amos Hill,
 Henry B. Hill,
 John W. Hollis,
 Emory A. Howard,
 David P. Howes,
 E. Atherton Hunt,
 Alexis W. Ide,
 Thomas Ingalls,
 Edward J. Jones,
 Thomas M. Judd,
 William R. Kentfield,
 Charles R. Ladd,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 Willard Lewis,

Messrs. Samuel W. McDaniel,
 Charles W. Morrill,
 Andrew M. Morton,
 Lewis R. Norton,
 John A. Nowell,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Hiram Packard,
 Albert Palmer,
 John B. Parker,
 William C. Plunkett,
 William Roberts,
 George T. Ryder,
 John Samson,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 John C. Scott,
 James Smith,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 Andrew H. Sweet,
 Charles Talbot,
 James G. Tarr,
 William Taylor,
 E. Loring Thayer,
 Joseph A. Titus,
 Marcus Truesdell,
 Q. A. Vinal,
 T. W. Wellington,
 James L. White,
 Tisdale S. White,
 Austin Whitney,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Ezra D. Winslow,
 Samuel Winslow.

NAYS.

Messrs. Francis R. Allen,
 A. S. Atherton,
 Andrew J. Bailey,
 Nahum Bailey, Jr.,
 George W. Bardwell,
 George Bartholmesz,
 Ezekiel D. Bement,
 Austin W. Benton,
 Hiram Berry,
 Edward L. Bigelow,
 George B. Blake,
 Peleg Blankinship,
 Richard Britton,
 Moses L. Buck,

Messrs. William H. Buck,
 Addison Burnett,
 Henry Burt,
 Jacob B. Calley,
 Edward W. Chapin,
 Elijah H. Chisholm,
 Albe C. Clark,
 Charles R. Codman,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 John S. Coney,
 Charles Crittenden,
 Ben. C. Currier,
 George J. Dean,
 Seymour B. Dewey,

Messrs. Lewis J. Dudley,
Harrison O. Field,
John H. Fisher,
Daniel C. Fletcher,
William Frost,
Kirke E. Gardner,
Asa H. Goddard,
Stephen D. Goddard,
John W. Hammond,
Charles V. Hanson,
Simeon Hardy,
George H. Harlow,
Austin Hawley,
David P. Hatch,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Francis B. Hayes,
Samuel W. Heath,
Lot Higgins,
Lewis Holmes,
George H. Hoyt,
Thomas P. Hurlbut,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
George P. Kendrick,
Lucius W. Knight,
Noah D. Ladd,
Albert Mason,
Edward McCleave,
Thomas J. Morgan,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
John Perkins,
Calvin T. Phillips,
Willard P. Phillips,

Messrs. Francis E. Porter,
Rodolphus Porter,
George Purrington, Jr.,
J. Henry Read,
John W. Regan,
Philip H. Robinson,
George Sanborn,
George J. Sanger,
Joseph L. Sargent,
Amos J. Saunders,
Nathan B. Seaver,
Robert Seaver,
James B. Shaw,
John Shaw,
Henry C. Skinner,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
A. L. Soule,
Franklin H. Sprague,
Oliver M. Stacey,
William Stewart,
Thomas N. Stone,
William B. Stone,
William N. Walker,
Andrew J. Waters,
Edward F. Watson,
William H. Whitfield,
George H. Whitman,
Henry W. Wilson,
Benjamin F. Wing,
Oliver Wolcott,
Moses D. Woodbury,
Elijah N. Woods.

Yeas, 78 ; nays, 93.

After further debate, and the rejection of other amendments, the bill was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 137 to 13.

Bills :

To confirm the doings of the town of Hubbardston in changing the number of school districts in said town, and for other purposes ;

In relation to the increase of capital stock by street railway corporations ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to confirm the proceedings of the North Bennet

Street Free-Will Baptist Society was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Boston and North-Western Railroad Company, to provide for the operation of the Hoosac Tunnel, and for other purposes, was read. On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, the House voted to have a remonstrance against the passage of the bill, signed by the directors of the Fitchburg Railroad Company, read by the Clerk. After the reading of the paper the House took a recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The consideration of the bill was resumed. Mr. Wellington of Worcester moved that the bill reported by the minority of the committee on Railways be substituted for the bill under consideration.

The subject was then discussed at length.

On motion of Mr. Nowell of Boston the rule limiting speeches to ten minutes each was suspended during the consideration of the bill.

Before a vote was reached, on motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, the bill was postponed until to-morrow.

The bill concerning the Boston and West Roxbury Railroad Company was read and amended, on motion of Mr. Palmer of Boston, and ordered to a third reading.

The orders of the day were laid upon the table, and Mr. Bailey of Charlestown moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House rejected the bill relating to trust companies. The motion was lost.

The orders of the day were taken from the table, and the bill concerning the militia was read and debated.

Mr. Wilson of Boston moved to amend by adding a provision that six consecutive years of service in the militia shall exempt a person from jury duty for ten years thereafter. The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown offered an amendment, and pending its consideration, on motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, the House

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 9, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Chapin of Holyoke, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve in relation to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the same. The report was accepted, and the resolve was ordered to a second reading.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Mr. Patch of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill in further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the same. The report was accepted, and the bill was ordered to a second reading.

Liquor law.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred certain portions of the annual report of the tax commissioner, reported that no further legislation is necessary, and the report was accepted.

Report of
the tax com-
missioner.*Papers from the Senate.*

The Speaker announced that he had received notice from the Clerk of the Senate that the House resolve in favor of the Deep Bottom Tribe of Indians had been rejected by the Senate.

Deep Bot-
tom Tribe
of Indians.

A bill in relation to the smelt fishery, introduced on leave in the Senate, was received and referred in concurrence to the committee on Fisheries.

Smelt fish-
ery.

A bill concerning the compensation of the Police Commissioners, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, and was referred to the committee on Finance.

Police com-
missioners.

A resolve in favor of the commissioners on the publication of the General Statutes, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Commis-
sioners on
publication
of the Gen-
eral Stat-
utes.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

Bills :

To establish the city of Newton ;

To fix the salary of the clerk of the courts for the county of Hampshire ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill concerning the militia was further debated. Mr. Crocker of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by which the House rejected the amendment offered by Mr. Wilson of Boston concerning exemption from jury duty ; but the motion was lost.

After further debate the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

At 12 o'clock, by special assignment, the House proceeded to choose the next preacher of the annual election sermon.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Hill of Boston, Breed of Lynn, Currier of Newburyport, Sprague of Framingham, Shaw of Palmer, and Judd of Lee, a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee reported as follows :—

Whole number of votes cast, . . .	163
Necessary for a choice, . . .	83
Nathaniel Sears of Barnstable, . . .	1
Benjamin Heath of Boston, . . .	1
J. Henry Read of Westford, . . .	2
E. A. Howard of Northbridge, . . .	1
Rev. William Denton of Wellesley, . . .	1
“ William P. Tilden of Boston, . . .	1
“ Phillips Brooks of Boston, . . .	2
“ Dr. E. B. Foster of Lowell, . . .	2
“ W. H. H. Murray of Boston, . . .	2
“ C. V. Hanson of Peabody, . . .	7
“ C. M. Lamson of Worcester, . . .	43
“ R. G. Greene of Springfield, . . .	100

And Rev. R. G. Greene having a majority of the votes cast, he was declared elected.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth offered the following :—

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Sergeant-at-Arms, after consultation with His Excellency the Governor, procure, if possible, some suitable and convenient church in which the annual sermon may be preached.

At the request of Mr. Cook of Boston the order was laid over till to-morrow.

The bill to incorporate the Boston and North-Western Railroad Company to provide for the operation of the Hoosac Tunnel, and for other purposes, was debated until the time arrived for the noon recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The orders of the day were laid upon the table.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes, which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Appropriation bill.

On motion of Mr. Ladd of Springfield,—

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House give notice to the Rev. R. G. Greene of Springfield that he has been elected preacher of the election sermon for the year 1874.

Preacher of election sermon.

An engrossed resolve providing for the expense of refitting a building in Pemberton Square (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth moved to suspend the 19th joint rule to admit a bill to amend an act concerning the division of flats; which on his motion was postponed for consideration to-morrow.

Division of flats.

On motion of Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge, the bill for the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities, was discharged from the orders and considered.

Miller's River.

Amendments offered by Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge and Mr. Vinal of Somerville were adopted. Other amendments offered by Mr. Clark of Boston and Mr. Bailey of Charlestown were debated. No vote was reached thereon, and the bill was finally postponed until to-morrow and the amendments ordered to be printed.

The bill to supply the town of Westfield with pure water was discharged from the orders of the day, amended on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Water for Westfield.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth the bill to dissolve certain corporations was discharged from the orders of the day and considered. Amendments offered by Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth and Mr. Phillips of Salem were adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Dissolution of corporations.

The orders of the day were taken from the table, and the debate on the bill to incorporate the Boston and North-Western Railroad Company was resumed.

Orders of the day.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield moved to amend the bill offered

by Mr. Wellington of Worcester, by substituting therefor the bill proposed by Mr. Dudley of Northampton.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown the further consideration of the bill was postponed until Tuesday next, to be placed first in the orders of the day.

The orders of the day were laid on the table.

The militia
law.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Athol the vote was reconsidered by which the House passed to be engrossed the bill concerning the militia, and after amendments offered by Mr. Hoyt and Mr. Codman of Boston had been adopted the bill was again passed to be engrossed.

Empanel-
ling of juries
in capital
cases.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill in relation to the empanelling of juries in capital cases, reported the same in a new draft, which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Boston—
grade of cer-
tain lands.

The bill to authorize the raising of the grade of certain lands in the city of Boston for the purpose of preserving the public health in said city was debated.

Amendments proposed by Mr. Nowell of Boston were adopted.

Mr. Wilson of Boston moved to add a new section.

Mr. Soule of Springfield moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendments offered by Mr. Nowell of Boston were adopted.

Pending the consideration of the question, on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth the House

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, May 10, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

William
Braydon.

Mr. Winslow of Newton presented the petition of William Braydon of Newton for refunding of a bank tax twice paid; which was referred to the committee on Claims and sent up for concurrence.

Election
sermon.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, directing the Sergeant-at-Arms to procure a church in which the election sermon shall be preached, was considered.

Mr. Osborn of Fall River moved to amend the order so as to have the sermon preached in the hall of the House, but it was lost by a vote of 56 to 70.

The order as offered was then adopted and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown it was

Ordered, That one thousand extra copies of House document No. 362 be printed for the use of the Legislature. House Tunnel—minority bill.

The order was adopted under a suspension of the rule which required its reference to the committee on Printing.

Mr. Bowker of Boston offered an order that three thousand extra copies of the agricultural report be printed for the use of the members of the Legislature, which was referred to the committee on Printing and sent up for concurrence. Agricultural report.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Senate resolve relating to the purchase of land for a camp-ground for the militia, reported that it ought not to pass, and under a suspension of the rules the report was considered and the resolve was rejected. Camp-ground for the militia.

The question of suspending the 19th joint rule to admit the bill to amend an act concerning the division of flats was postponed until Wednesday next. Division of flats.

Paper from the Senate.

The bill to unite the city of Boston and the town of West Roxbury, which had been passed to be engrossed in concurrence in the Senate, came down with amendments, in which the House concurred. Annexation of West Roxbury to Boston.

The orders of the day were taken up. Orders of the day.

The bill to authorize the raising of the grade of certain lands in the city of Boston for the purpose of preserving the public health in said city was debated. Amendments offered by Mr. Johnson of Lowell and Mr. Wilson of Boston were adopted. The vote by which the amendments offered by Mr. Nowell of Boston were adopted was reconsidered, and they were rejected. The bill was then passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Senate bill in addition to an act to provide inquest in case of fire was rejected.

Bills :

Concerning the New York and New England Railroad Company ;

To authorize towns and cities to appropriate money towards paying the expenses of maintaining libraries ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the county commissioners of Dukes County to borrow money was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill for the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities was debated, but not disposed of, when, on motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, the House

Adjourned.

MONDAY, May 12, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The Speaker called Mr. Codman of Boston to the Chair.

Papers from the Senate.

Inspectors
of animals
and provis-
ions in
Brighton.

The Speaker announced that he had received notice from the Clerk of the Senate that the House bill to provide for the appointment of inspectors of animals and provisions in the town of Brighton had been rejected by that branch.

State nor-
mal art
school.

The resolve establishing a state normal art school, which had been passed to be engrossed in concurrence in the Senate, came down with an amendment in which the House concurred.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bills :

In further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors ;

Making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes ;

In relation to the empanelling of juries in capital cases ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To establish a standard form for insurance policies ;

In relation to attachments of real estate ;

To amend an act relating to betterments ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills :

Concerning the New York and New England Railroad Company ;

To authorize towns and cities to appropriate money toward paying the expense of maintaining libraries ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill for the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities was discussed. Amendments offered by Mr. Clark of Boston and Mr. Soule of Springfield were adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to amend chapter 371 of the laws of 1872, relating to the inspection and regulation of buildings in the city of Boston, and for other purposes, was read and amended on motion of Mr. Soule of Springfield, and was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the resolve in favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy was postponed until to-morrow.

The resolve relative to the appointment of a commission to inquire and report upon the best methods of constructing fire-proof buildings was discussed, but had not been disposed of when, on motion of Mr. Soule of Springfield, the House

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, May 13, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Winslow of Worcester, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the petition of the mayor of Worcester, for an amendment of chapter 343 of the acts of 1871, concerning the Union Depot in Worcester, reported in favor of referring the same to the next General Court.

Union depot
at Worces-
ter.

Mr. Fletcher of Chelsea, from the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Burleigh, for compensation for services and disbursements rendered and made in aid of the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel, and

Charles
Burleigh.

for use of right secured by letters-patent, reported in favor of referring the same to the next General Court. These reports were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Commission on grade, streets, drainage and water supply.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill to provide for a commission on the subject of grade, streets, drainage and water supply for certain cities and towns, reported several amendments thereto, and the report and bill were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Police commissioners.

Mr. Patch of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill concerning the compensation of the police commissioners, made a report asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the same. The report was accepted and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Codification of railroad laws.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the joint special committee appointed to consider the bill drawn under the direction of the railroad commissioners, for the purpose of codifying the railroad laws of the Commonwealth, reported a resolve directing the railroad commissioners to report to the next General Court a codification of the railroad laws; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Coroners.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill in relation to coroners, reported that the same ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Defacement of natural scenery.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred an order relative to the defacement of natural scenery, reported a bill to prevent the same.

Punishment of certain crimes.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the report of the attorney-general, reported a bill in relation to the punishment of certain crimes.

Challenging of jurors.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred an order of the House and a Senate bill relating to the peremptory challenging of jurors, reported the bill in a new draft.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

Liquor law.

A bill in further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

A bill authorizing the taking of land for the purposes of a state prison, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Land for state prison.

A communication from the harbor commissioners concerning the establishment of harbor lines on Neponset River, and on Merrimac River in Newburyport, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors. Harbor lines on Neponset and Merrimac Rivers.

A report of the committee on Expenditures, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, for an extension of time for the payment of sums specified in a certain contract and the interest thereon, which had been accepted in the Senate, came down and was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Boston and Albany Railroad.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

The resolve relative to the appointment of a commission to inquire and report upon the best methods of constructing fire-proof buildings, was debated and rejected.

Bills:

In further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors;

Making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes;

In relation to the empanelling of juries in capital cases (the latter being a new draft of a Senate bill);

Were severally passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill concerning the Boston and West Roxbury Railroad Company, was read and amended on motion of Mr. Palmer of Boston, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Boston and North-Western Railroad Company, &c., was debated until the noon recess occurred.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Debate on the consolidation bill was resumed, and continued at length. On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston the bill was postponed until to-morrow, to be placed first in the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Hayes of Boston, the resolve in favor

of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, was postponed until to-morrow.

The bill requiring returns in relation to steam-boilers ; and the

Resolve in relation to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor ; Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill relating to the taxation of incomes was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Nowell of Boston, the House Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 14, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Division of
flats.

The House refused to suspend the 19th joint rule to admit the bill concerning the division of flats, and it was referred to the next General Court.

Papers from the Senate.

Frauds at
elections in
cities.

A bill to prevent frauds at elections in cities, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Troy and
Greenfield
R. R. and
Hoosac
Tunnel.

The report of the joint standing committee on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel for 1872 was referred in concurrence to the committee on that subject.

Banks or-
ganized
under the
General
Statutes.

A report of the committee on Banks and Banking, that no legislation is necessary, on the order relative to banks organized under the General Statutes, which had been accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

In relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company (which originated in the House of Representatives) ; To unite the city of Charlestown with the city of Boston ;

To amend an act relating to betterments ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed resolve in relation to a state normal art school (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

The report of the committee on Railways (reference to the next General Court) on the petition of the mayor of Worcester, for an amendment of chapter 343 of the acts of 1871, concerning the Union Depot in Worcester, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

In relation to the peremptory challenging of jurors ;

Concerning the compensation of the police commissioners ; and the

Resolve directing the Railroad Commissioners to report to the next General Court a codification of the railroad laws ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Expenditures (leave to withdraw) on the petition of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, for an extension of time for the payment of sums specified in a certain contract and the interest thereon, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill in relation to coroners was rejected.

The debate on the bill to incorporate the Boston and North-Western Railroad Company, to provide for the operation of the Hoosac Tunnel, and for other purposes, was renewed and continued until the noon recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The debate on the consolidation bill was resumed, and late in the afternoon, on motion of Mr. Palmer of Boston, the bill was postponed until to-morrow, to be placed first in the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston the orders of the day were laid upon the table, and the bill to prevent the defacement of natural scenery was discharged therefrom and considered.

Several amendments were rejected, one offered by Mr. Sanger of Cambridge was adopted, but before the subject was disposed of, on motion of Mr. Hayes of Boston, the House

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 15, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

Concerning the New York and New England Railroad Company ;

To incorporate the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Winchendon and for other purposes ;

To authorize the commissioners on public lands to give deeds in certain cases ;

Concerning the building by the city of Somerville of a drain through the city of Cambridge ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad to change the location of its railroad in the towns of Russell and Montgomery ;

To confirm the proceedings of the North Bennet Street Free-Will Baptist Society of Boston ;

To amend the General Statutes relating to teachers' institutes, the duties of school committees and the attendance of children in the public schools ;

In relation to attachments of real estate ;

To unite the city of Boston and the town of Brookline ;

To authorize Charles P. Stickney and Joseph A. Bowen to extend their wharf in Fall River ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed resolve in favor of Walter and Francis Shanly (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

*Papers from the Senate.*Boston and
West Rox-
bury R. R.
Co.

The bill relating to the Boston and West Roxbury Railroad Company came down from the Senate, that branch having non-concurred with the amendments adopted by the House. On motion of Mr. Palmer of Boston the House voted to insist on its amendments.

Lunatic
Hospital at
Northamp-
ton.

A resolve authorizing the trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Northampton to exchange certain lands, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, the rule was suspended requiring that it be sent to

a committee of the House, and it was read and ordered to a second reading.

A resolve, introduced on leave, in relation to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, came down and was referred in concurrence to the committee on the State House.

A bill, introduced on leave, to provide for the investment of compensation funds for harbors of the Commonwealth, came down, and was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of the commissioners on the publication of the General Statutes, reported that the same ought to pass, and it was referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Breed of Lynn, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred certain portions of the Governor's address, reported a resolve providing for repairs and improvement in the State Reform School at Westborough; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the town of Newton to aid the Newton Cemetery Corporation, reported that while the question referred is not free from doubt they are not prepared to say that the provisions of the bill involve any violation of the constitution. The bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Clatur of Boston, on leave, introduced a resolve relative to painting the outside of the state house; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Plunkett of Adams, the report of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad (reference to the next General Court) on the petition of Charles Burleigh, was discharged from the orders and laid on the table. Subsequently, it was taken from the table and recommitted to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Wilson of Boston, the bill to authorize the South Boston Railroad Company to increase its capital stock, was taken from the table, amended and passed to be engrossed, and on motion of Mr. Soule of Springfield, the House reconsidered the last-named vote, and the bill was again laid on the table.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Amendments offered by Mr. Sanger of Cambridge and

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Compensa-
tion funds
for harbors.

Commis-
sioners on
publication
of General
Statutes.

State Re-
form School
at West-
borough.

Newton
Cemetery
Corporat'n.

Painting of
State house.

Charles
Burleigh.

South Bos-
ton R. R. Co.

Orders of
the day.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, to the bill to prevent the defacement of natural scenery were adopted, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Banks and Banking, that no legislation is necessary, relative to banks organized under the General Statutes, was accepted in concurrence.

The resolve directing the railroad commissioners to report to the next General Court, a codification of the railroad laws, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill in relation to the peremptory challenging of jurors, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence in a new draft, which was sent up for concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Boston and North-Western Railroad Company to provide for the operation of the Hoosac Tunnel, and for other purposes, was again considered. Mr. Codman of Boston offered amendments thereto. The debate on the bill continued until the noon recess, and until the close of the afternoon session, when, on motion of Mr. Palmer of Boston, it was postponed until to-morrow, and on motion of Mr. Ide of Medway, the House

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 16, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Bills passed. Engrossed bills :

To unite the city of Boston and the town of West Roxbury (which originated in the House of Representatives) ;

To supply the town of Westfield with pure water (which originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

Militia law. The bill concerning the militia, came down from the Senate, that branch having non-concurred with one amendment of the House, and adopted several other new amendments. The House receded from its amendment and concurred with the Senate amendments.

Worcester Academy. On motion of Mr. Titus of Worcester the 19th joint rule was suspended and leave was granted to introduce

a bill relating to the Worcester Academy, and it was referred in concurrence to the committee on Education.

A bill to legalize certain votes passed by the inhabitants of Dunstable, which had been passed to be engrossed in concurrence in the Senate, came down and was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills:

To authorize the town of Wrentham to raise money by taxation for the purpose of celebrating its bi-centennial anniversary;

In relation to the smelt fishery;

Which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and ordered to a second reading.

The House refused to concur with the Senate, by a vote 31 to 87, in granting leave to introduce a bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor. The bill provided that ale, porter, strong beer and lager-bier might be manufactured where the same is not sold at a public bar or to be drank on the premises.

A report of the committee on Railways, referring to the next General Court the bill to authorize the Mansfield and Framingham Railroad Company to extend its road, was accepted in concurrence.

The Speaker announced that he had received notice from the Clerk of the Senate that the bill to regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments had been rejected by that branch.

Mr. Plunkett of Adams, from the committee on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel, to whom was recommitted the petition of Charles Burleigh, reported a resolve in relation thereto; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, on leave, introduced a bill concerning fees of town clerks for obtaining and recording the facts relating to deaths, and on his motion the rule requiring it to be referred to a committee was suspended, and it was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a petition of the mayor of Cambridge, reported thereon a bill relating to the election of overseers of the poor in the city of Cambridge.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred an order of the House, reported

Dunstable.

Bi-centennial of Wrentham.

Smelt-fishery.

Liquor law.

Mansfield & Framingham R. R.

Ten-hour law.

Charles Burleigh.

Town clerks—recording of deaths.

Overseers of the poor in Cambridge.

Capital of gas corporations.

thereon a bill to amend the act of the present year, entitled an act in relation to the capital of gas corporations.

Oaths of
poor debt-
ors.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred an order of the House, reported thereon a bill in relation to the oath for the relief of poor debtors.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Land for
state prison.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill authorizing the taking of land for the purposes of a state prison, reported several amendments to the bill.

Elections in
Boston.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the same committee, to whom was recommitteed the bill regulating elections in the city of Boston, reported several amendments thereto.

These reports and bills were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Museum of
Comparative Zo-
ology.

On motion of Mr. Marden of Lowell, the resolve in favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy was discharged from the orders of the day, read and debated. Amendments offered by Mr. Marden of Lowell, Mr. Holmes of Fall River, Mr. Winslow of Newton, Mr. Bowker of Boston and Mr. Ladd of Springfield, reducing the amount appropriated from \$50,000 to \$25,000, provided that all colleges and schools shall have equal privileges in the Museum, and that an amount equal to the state appropriation shall be raised before the same shall take effect, were severally adopted, and the bill was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 87 to 75. The yeas and nays were ordered on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the roll was called, and the vote was verified, there being 98 yeas and 78 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Walter B. Allen,
Andrew J. Bailey,
William Baker,
George Bartholmesz,
John M. Batchelder,
Hiram Berry,
Edward L. Bigelow,
John Bigelow,
Sanford W. Billings,
William E. Blunt,

Messrs. Franklin Bonney,
Bowman B. Breed,
William H. Buck,
Henry Burt,
Adam Capen, Jr.,
Sumner Carruth,
Henry B. Chamberlin,
Albe C. Clark,
Charles R. Codman,
John S. Coney,

Messrs. William H. Cook,
 William A. Creesy,
 George G. Crocker,
 John Cummings,
 Ben. C. Currier,
 John Cushing,
 Joshua W. Davis,
 I. W. Derby,
 Alonzo H. Evans,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 C. C. Field,
 Harrison O. Field,
 John E. Fitzgerald,
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
 Granville E. Foss,
 H. M. French,
 William Frost,
 Kirke E. Gardner,
 John Gates,
 Asa H. Goddard,
 A. J. Gove,
 Brownell Granger,
 Simeon Hardy,
 George H. Harlow,
 David P. Hatch,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Francis B. Hayes,
 Samuel S. Haynes,
 Benjamin Heath,
 Amos Hill,
 Henry B. Hill,
 John W. Hollis,
 Charles J. Holmes,
 Lewis Holmes,
 Samuel B. Hopkins,
 David P. Howes,
 Thomas P. Hurlbut,
 Alexis W. Ide,
 Edward J. Jones,

Messrs. Thomas M. Judd,
 William R. Kentfield,
 Willard Lewis,
 George A. Marden,
 Elijah Marion,
 Edward McCleave,
 Samuel W. McDaniel,
 John B. Moore,
 Thomas J. Morgan,
 Andrew M. Morton,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Henry W. Phelps,
 Calvin T. Phillips,
 Francis E. Porter,
 Rodolphus Porter,
 J. Henry Read,
 George P. Sanger,
 Joseph L. Sargent,
 Amos J. Saunders,
 Augustus J. Sawyer,
 John C. Scott,
 Robert Seaver,
 Henry P. Shattuck,
 John Shaw,
 James Smith,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 Oliver M. Stacey,
 William B. Stone,
 Andrew H. Sweet,
 Joseph A. Titus,
 Rodney Wallace,
 Andrew J. Waters,
 Edward F. Watson,
 T. W. Wellington,
 Tisdale S. White,
 George H. Whitman,
 Austin Whitney,
 Samuel Winslow.

NAYS.

Messrs. A. S. Atherton,
 Horace C. Bacon,
 Aaron Bagg,
 George W. Bardwell,
 Elijah E. Belding,
 Ezekiel D. Bement,
 William R. Black,
 George B. Blake,
 Peleg Blankinship,

Messrs. Horace L. Bowker,
 Giles E. Brownell,
 Moses L. Buck,
 Addison Burnett,
 Jacob B. Calley,
 Edward W. Chapin,
 Elijah H. Chisholm,
 Francis W. Clark,
 John B. D. Cogswell,

Messrs. George Copeland,
 Charles Crittenden,
 Joseph W. Cross,
 William F. Darby,
 George E. Davis,
 George J. Dean,
 William Dean,
 Seymour B. Dewey,
 Lewis J. Dudley,
 Joseph Dyer,
 John H. Fisher,
 Daniel C. Fletcher,
 Charles A. Gleason,
 Stephen D. Goddard,
 Fitz E. Griffin,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 Samuel W. Heath,
 Lot Higgins,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Richard H. Humphrey,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Thomas Ingalls,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Geo. P. Kendrick,
 Charles R. Ladd,
 Noah D. Ladd,
 Almond R. Lancaster.
 Albert Mason,
 David Mayhew,
 Charles W. Morrill,

Messrs. Lewis R. Norton,
 John A. Nowell,
 Weaver Osborn,
 Hiram Packard,
 John B. Parker,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 John Perkins,
 William C. Plunkett,
 George Purrington, Jr.,
 Philip H. Robinson,
 Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 Nathan B. Seaver,
 Amos W. Shumway,
 Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 William Stewart,
 Thomas N. Stone,
 Charles Talbot,
 James G. Tarr,
 Hugh J. Toland,
 Marcus Truesdell,
 Q. A. Vinal,
 William N. Walker,
 James L. White,
 William H. Whitfield,
 Ezra D. Winslow,
 Oliver Wolcott,
 Elijah N. Woods.

Yeas, 98 ; nays, 78.

A motion made by Mr. Bonney of Hadley to extend the noon recess fifteen minutes was lost.

Orders of
 the day.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to incorporate the Boston and North-Western Railroad Company, to provide for the operation of the Hoosac Tunnel, and for other purposes, was debated until the noon recess took place.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Lee & New
 Haven R. R.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor, through his private secretary :—

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, May 16, 1873.

To the House of Representatives.

Herewith I return unapproved to your honorable body, in which it originated, the bill entitled "An Act in relation

to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company." Though, by indirection and under the guise of giving a construction to an act approved in March of last year, the effect of this measure is to grant state aid to the extent of three hundred thousand dollars to the railway company named in the title of the bill, I can neither give my assent to the proposition that this corporation has an equitable claim on the state for such legislation, nor to the other proposition, that the Commonwealth ought to aid in the construction of the Lee and New Haven Railroad.

I am aware that in the early days of railway building in this state the credit of the Commonwealth was sometimes loaned to what were deemed meritorious projects, and thereby some most difficult and doubtful undertakings were accomplished much earlier than they could have been if left wholly to private enterprise. I have never questioned that this was a wise and far-seeing policy for the era in which it prevailed. But when provision had been made for such great thoroughfares as were of general advantage to our people; when the matter of investing in and managing railroads had become so well understood that it could no longer be looked upon as an experiment of uncertain results; when private capital was not only abundant for the construction of all the railway lines demanded by the business interests of the state, but was sufficient to furnish no small part of the means necessary for extending the railway system into new and distant States and territories; when this period in our history was reached, I supposed no conclusive reason could be given why the Commonwealth should longer continue to aid in the furtherance of railway projects. That the public credit should not be pledged in this direction has been accepted as the general policy of the state for the last fifteen years, as may readily be ascertained by an examination of our statute books. It is undeniable that the Commonwealth has been induced occasionally to swerve from this judicious policy, but it may be doubted whether every instance of such departure has not been to her detriment.

The General Court of 1868 conspicuously disregarded that policy in making generous grants of state aid to the Lee and New Haven and the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railways. We are not permitted to assume otherwise than that a majority of its members then thought their action prudent and commendable. But since the time of that action we have been making history most rapidly.

The increased burden of taxation for which the people have received no just equivalent, the worry and expense of manifold and interminable lawsuits to which the state and her citizens have been subjected, the anxiety of the present hour to know how much may be saved of the millions of dollars advanced in accordance with the legislation of that session,—a consideration of the facts thus indicated may properly lead us to question whether a single member of that majority would to-day deem it advisable to repeat the state-aid votes then given.

However this may be, it would seem that the experience of the past ought to warn us against lending a friendly ear to railway projects not recommended to promotion by a clear and indisputable regard for the interests of the great body of our people. In my judgment no new proposition for state aid to railroads should now be favorably considered, and I am not able to foresee that any exigency warranting such aid can arise in the future. Certainly, until our public debt is greatly reduced from its present proportions, the utmost economy is demanded at the hands of every officer of the government, and all expenditures of questionable necessity should be rigidly withheld.

Strongly as I entertain these views, I should approve the bill in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company if I believed that the corporation had an equitable claim on the Commonwealth for the aid it grants. But I do not admit that the company has any such claim. By chapter 313, acts of 1868, the state made a contract with this company to loan it three hundred thousand dollars upon conditions clearly specified. These conditions were not complied with on the part of the beneficiaries, and therefore the state was never called upon to furnish the promised aid. By chapter 73, acts of 1872, the time for the construction of this company's road was extended, and it is now intimated that this extension of time was supposed to carry with it an extension of the state loan. This alleged supposition appears to me incredible. It certainly has no warrant in what was done by your predecessors. The bill introduced at the instance of the officers or agents of the company asked for nothing but an extension of time for the construction of their line; it is a fact of official record that neither the Legislature nor its appropriate committee was ever informed that an extension of the aid granted by the law of 1868 was desired; and the act as passed without debate and laid before the

executive for his approval, related solely and explicitly to the construction of the road. The members of your honorable body are as competent as I am to judge whether any railway grant of this magnitude would have been conceded by the last General Court without opposition from any quarter ; but I may say that the executive would have declined to give his signature to the act of March, 1872, had there been the least cause for suspecting that any loan was thereby extended or revived. On a careful consideration of all the circumstances bearing upon the question, I am forced to the conclusion that this corporation has no claim in equity which it is incumbent on us to recognize.

Doubtless it will be urged that steps have been taken to build its road in the expectation that aid would be received from the state. For such expectations, if they are or have been entertained, neither the Legislature nor the executive of last year is responsible ; and by the exercise of reasonable prudence, any one interested could readily have ascertained that they were not well founded. One such person applied at the executive department shortly after the adjournment of the Legislature, to know if it would be held that the act of March, 1872, carried with it the state aid of 1868, and at his request the executive obtained the opinion of the attorney-general of the Commonwealth upon the question presented. That opinion was in the negative, and it was communicated from this department to the person inquiring, with the statement that the action of the Governor and Council would be based thereon, if formal application was made for state aid. If any one connected with the road was not informed of these facts, it must have been because no effort was made to ascertain them. Whether the persons chosen to administer the trusts of the corporation deliberately sought to make up a case on which to appeal to the Legislature, or whether they have been guilty of nothing worse than negligence in the discharge of their duties, are questions I do not assume to answer. But in either view, I fail to see that the public treasury should suffer from their acts.

I am thus explicit in directing attention to the course of affairs last year with respect to this railway company, that the character of the measure now submitted for my approval may be seen in its true relations. I cannot regard it as other than a new proposition for the Commonwealth to loan its credit. If the Lee and New Haven road should receive aid from the state funds, it is hard to con-

ceive of any railway project that would not have a claim equally as strong. However valuable this line may be as a means of local development, it is one in which the state at large has a minimum of interest. If the security offered by its directors is good, there can be no serious difficulty in raising the money required for the construction of the road from private sources. If it is not good, then most assuredly the state should not take it. It may be said that individuals specially interested in the line will be grievously disappointed if the desired aid of the Commonwealth is not forthcoming. No person can more deeply regret such disappointment than myself, but the desires of the few should not blind our vision to the interests of the many. The few always and forever press their claims with ardor and tenacity that know no weariness. The many, the great majority, are silent and unobtrusive; and for this reason are entitled to our highest regard. Their welfare we ought neither to overlook nor forget.

Perhaps it will be held that the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company is entitled to consideration on the ground that it has already expended money in the construction of its line. Such expenditure, if any has been made, is in direct violation of law. Under chapter 333, acts of 1871, no work could legally be done till the entire capital stock of the corporation to the extent of at least fifteen thousand dollars per mile, had been unconditionally subscribed by responsible parties, nor until officers of the company had filed with the secretary of the Commonwealth a sworn certificate setting forth that twenty per centum of the par value of each and every share of stock had been paid into the company's treasury. Substantially the same provisions as those of this act have been in our statute books for more than twenty years, and there can be no valid excuse for a violation of them at this late day. But it appears to have been stated before a committee of your honorable body, by agents or officers of the company seeking the legislation now proposed, that the capital stock of the corporation is \$375,000, and that about twenty-five miles of its projected road is in this Commonwealth, while it is shown that but about \$340,000 had been subscribed to its capital stock at the time when it is alleged work began on its road. And, moreover, though it is also stated that the contractors commenced operations so long ago as last October, the corporation has not yet filed with the Secretary

of the Commonwealth the required certificate of a twenty per centum payment on subscriptions, and the exhibit of its affairs to your committee compels me to the conclusion that no such payment was made before work began. There does not seem to be any reason why special favors should be granted to a company which thus disregards peremptory provisions of general law, originally enacted in 1852, retained in the General Statutes of 1860, and more stringently reënacted two years ago.

I deplore the necessity which constrains me to differ from the general court in reference to the measure under consideration. If I looked upon it as of minor consequence, I should not permit myself to trouble you with this communication. But I have a clear and decided conviction that the incorporation of it into our statute books would be detrimental in no small degree to the best interests of the State, and I should be unfaithful to the trusts imposed upon me by the people if I allowed myself to become a party to its enactment. I therefore feel compelled to return the bill without my signature.

W. B. WASHBURN.

On motion of Mr. Judd of Lee, the consideration of the bill was postponed until Wednesday next, to be placed first in the orders of the day. The message was ordered to be printed.

The orders of the day were tabled, and

Mr. Granger of Boston moved that the vote upon questions pending upon the bill to incorporate the Boston and North-Western Railroad Company be taken on Wednesday next at 3 P. M.

Vote on
Boston and
North-
Western
R. R. Co.

Mr. Blankinship of Marion moved that the vote be taken on Tuesday next at 2½ P. M.

Mr. Sargent of Lowell moved to add the words "unless sooner reached."

The latter motion was lost, that of Mr. Granger was rejected by a vote of 46 to 64, and that of Mr. Blankinship was adopted by a vote of 81 to 35.

Subsequently Mr. Codman of Boston offered an order to rescind the vote, which at his request was laid over until to-morrow.

The orders were then taken from the table, debate on the bill was resumed and continued until it was postponed for further consideration to-morrow, to be placed first in the orders.

Orders of
the day.

Grade,
drainage,
etc.

The bill to provide for a commission on the subject of grade, streets, drainage and water supply for certain cities and towns was read and considered. Amendments were offered by Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge and Mr. Nowell of Boston, and before a vote was reached the orders of the day were laid on the table.

Old Colony
R. R. Co.

On motion of Mr. Sparks of Provincetown the 19th joint rule was suspended, and a bill was introduced on leave to authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to re-locate its railroad at Provincetown; referred to the committee on Railways and sent up for concurrence.

South Bos-
ton R. R. Co.

On motion of Mr. Soule of Springfield the bill to authorize the South Boston Railroad Company to increase its capital stock was taken from the table and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Boston nor-
mal school.

Mr. Stedman of Boston moved to suspend the 19th joint rule to admit a bill in relation to the Boston Normal School, but the motion was lost.

Capital
stock of
street rail-
way corpo-
rations.

A bill in relation to the increase of capital stock by street railway corporations, came down from the Senate with an amendment.

On the question of concurring a vote showed that a quorum was not present, and on motion of Mr. Sprague of Framingham the House

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, May 17, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Crocker of Boston occupied the chair.

Commis-
sioners on
publication
of General
Statutes.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of the commissioners on the publication of the General Statutes, reported that the same ought to pass.

State reform
school.

Mr. Jenkins of Abington, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve providing for repairs and improvements in the State Reform School at Westborough, reported that the same ought to pass.

These resolves were severally ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Codman of Boston withdrew the order offered by him yesterday concerning the time of taking the vote on

the bill to incorporate the Boston and North-Western Railroad, &c.

Papers from the Senate.

The House concurred in the Senate amendment to the bill in relation to the increase of capital stock by street railway corporations by a vote of 70 to 30.

Capital stock of street railway corporations.

Notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate that that branch had rejected the House bill to establish a half-mill school fund.

Half-mill school fund.

Reports :

Of the committee on Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of Hudson, for legislation to prevent changing the grades of streets in that town by certain railroad corporations ;

Hudson—grade of streets.

Of the committee on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel, (that no legislation is necessary) on the report of the committee on that subject for 1872 ;

Troy and Greenfield R. R. and Hoosac Tunnel.

Which had been accepted in the Senate, came down and were read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bills :

Relating to the election of overseers of the poor in the city of Cambridge ;

To authorize the town of Wrentham to raise money by taxation for the purpose of celebrating its bi-centennial anniversary ;

To amend the act of the present year, entitled an act in relation to the capital of gas corporations ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to provide for a commission on the subject of grade, streets, drainage and water supply for certain cities and towns, was considered. An amendment recommended by the committee on Finance, and others proposed by Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge, were adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Boston and North-Western Railroad Company, &c., was considered, and pending its consideration, on motion of Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford, the House

Adjourned.

MONDAY, May 19, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Action
against
owners of
railroads.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Truman Walcott and others, reported thereon a bill to give a right of action against owners of railroads to persons who perform labor or furnish materials in and for the construction of said roads; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Compensation
of auditors.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to the compensation of auditors; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

Harbor lines
on Neponset
and Merrimack
Rivers.

To establish harbor lines on Neponset River ;
To establish a harbor line on Merrimack River, in Newburyport ;

Which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills :

Witnesses
in other
states.

Concerning witnesses in criminal prosecutions in other states ;

Limited
partnerships.

To amend chapter 55 of the General Statutes, relating to limited partnerships ;

Which had severally been passed to be engrossed in concurrence in the Senate, came down with amendments, and were referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary.

Standard insurance
policy.

The bill to establish a standard form for insurance policies, which had been passed to be engrossed in concurrence in the Senate, in the new House draft, came down with amendments, in which the House concurred.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To confirm certain acts done by David B. Kimball as a justice of the peace ;

To confirm certain acts done by Robert Vose, Jr., as coroner ;

To authorize the county commissioners of Dukes County to borrow money ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To amend chapter 371 of the laws of the year 1872, relating to the regulation and inspection of buildings in the city of Boston and for other purposes (which originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

The thirtieth registration report was received from the Secretary of State, and placed on file. Registration report.

The orders of the day were taken up. Orders of the day.

The reports :

Of the committee on Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of Hudson, for legislation to prevent changing the grades of streets in that town by certain railroad corporations ; and

Of the committee on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel, that no legislation is necessary, on the report of the committee on that subject for 1872 ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The amendments proposed by the committee on the Judiciary, to the bill authorizing the taking of land for the purposes of a state prison, were adopted and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

In relation to the punishment of certain crimes ;

In relation to the oath for the relief of poor debtors ; and the

Resolves :

Authorizing the trustees of the state lunatic hospital at Northampton to exchange certain lands ;

Providing for repairs and improvements in the state reform school at Westborough ;

In favor of the commissioners on the publication of the General Statutes ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve in favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy was read, passed to be engrossed in concurrence and sent up for concurrence in House amendments.

Bills :

Relating to the election of overseers of the poor in the city of Cambridge ;

To amend the act of the present year, entitled an act in relation to the capital of gas corporations ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to authorize the town of Wrentham to raise money by taxation for the purpose of celebrating its bi-centennial anniversary, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Boston and North-Western Railroad Company to provide for the operation of the Hoosac Tunnel, and for other purposes, was again discussed. Pending the consideration of the same, on motion of Mr. Soule of Springfield, the House Adjourned.

TUESDAY, May 20, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Commercial fertilizers.

The bill concerning commercial fertilizers, which had been passed to be engrossed in concurrence in the Senate, came down with amendments, the consideration of which, on motion of Mr. Hurlbut of Sudbury, was postponed until to-morrow.

Sea-fowl near Edgartown.

A bill for the protection of sea-fowl in the waters of Edgartown, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

General annexation to Boston.

The resolve in relation to uniting certain cities and towns with the city of Boston, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Dissolution of corporations.

The bill to dissolve certain corporations, which had been passed to be engrossed in concurrence in the Senate, came down and was referred in course to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

For the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities (which originated in the House of Representatives) ;

To unite the city of Boston and the town of Brighton (which originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were considered.

Orders of
the day.

Bills :

To establish harbor lines on Neponset River :

To establish a harbor line on Merrimack River, in Newburyport ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Resolves :

In favor of the commissioners on the publication of the General Statutes ;

Authorizing the trustees of the state lunatic hospital at Northampton to exchange certain lands ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The resolve providing for repairs and improvements in the state reform school at Westborough, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Boston and North-Western Railroad Company to provide for the operation of the Hoosac Tunnel, and for other purposes, was again considered and debated until the noon session. At the

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It was continued until the time for taking the vote arrived.

On motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston, Mr. Phillips of Salem was allowed twenty minutes to speak upon the bill and amendments.

The amendments proposed by the committee on Finance, by Mr. Codman of Boston, and two which had been offered by Mr. Cushing of Hingham, were all adopted.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield withdrew the amendment proposed by him to the minority bill, and on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston the yeas and nays were ordered. The roll was called and the bill was amended by substituting the bill reported by the minority of the committee on Railways (entitled a bill to incorporate the state board of trustees of the Hoosac Tunnel Railroad), by a vote of 133 yeas to 90 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Wales Aldrich,
Aaron Bagg,
Andrew J. Bailey,

Messrs. Nahum Bailey, Jr.,
William Baker,
George W. Bardwell,

Messrs. Elijah E. Belding, Ezekiel D. Bement, Hiram Berry, Edward L. Bigelow, John Bigelow, Sanford W. Billings, William R. Black, Peleg Blankinship, Franklin Bonney, Horace L. Bowker, Richard Britton, Moses L. Buck, William H. Buck, Addison Burnett, Henry Burt, Charles V. Carpenter, Henry B. Chamberlin, Edward W. Chapin, Albe C. Clark, Francis W. Clark, John S. Coney, William H. Cook, Charles Crittenden, George G. Crocker, Joseph W. Cross, John Cummings, Ben. C. Currier, William F. Darby, George E. Davis, Joshua W. Davis, William Dean, I. W. Derby, Seymour B. Dewey, Lewis J. Dudley, Henderson J. Edwards, Alonzo H. Evans, C. C. Field, Harrison O. Field, John H. Fisher, Eustace C. Fitz, John E. Fitzgerald, Daniel C. Fletcher, John W. Fletcher, Kirke E. Gardner, Charles A. Gleason, Asa H. Goddard, Stephen D. Goddard, A. J. Gove, Brownell Granger, Charles V. Hanson,	Messrs. Simeon Hardy, George H. Harlow, Austin Hawley, David P. Hatch, Francis B. Hayes, Samuel S. Haynes, Samuel E. Hildreth, John W. Hollis, Lewis Holmes, David P. Howes, Barney Hull, E. Atherton Hunt, Thomas P. Hurlbut, Richardson Hutchinson, Alexis W. Ide, Nathan S. Jenkins, Thomas M. Judd, William R. Kentfield, Charles R. Ladd, Noah D. Ladd, Willard Lewis, Elijah Marion, Albert Mason, David Mayhew, Edward McCleave, John B. Moore, Thomas J. Morgan, Asa P. Morse, C. D. Morse, Lewis R. Norton, John A. Nowell, Edward O. Noyes, Weaver Osborn, Hiram Packard, John B. Parker, Charles Perley, Henry W. Phelps, William C. Plunkett, George Purrington, Jr., William Roberts, Philip H. Robinson, George T. Ryder, Edward Sanford, George J. Sanger, George P. Sanger, Amos J. Saunders, Augustus J. Sawyer, John C. Scott, Nathaniel Sears, James B. Shaw,
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Messrs. John Shaw,
 Amos W. Shumway,
 Henry C. Skinner,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 James A. Stetson,
 John H. Studley,
 Andrew H. Sweet,
 Charles Talbot,
 Joseph A. Titus,
 Q. A. Vinal,
 William N. Walker,

Messrs. Rodney Wallace,
 Andrew J. Waters,
 T. W. Wellington,
 James L. White,
 Tisdale S. White,
 George H. Whitman,
 Austin Whitney,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Ezra D. Winslow,
 Samuel Winslow,
 Oliver Walcott,
 Moses D. Woodbury,
 Elijah N. Woods.

NAYS.

Messrs. Francis R. Allen,
 Walter B. Allen,
 A. S. Atherton,
 Horace C. Bacon,
 James M. Barker,
 George Bartholmesz,
 John M. Batchelder,
 Austin W. Benton,
 Edward A. Berdge,
 George B. Blake,
 William E. Blunt,
 Dennis Bonner,
 James W. Bradley,
 Bowman B. Breed,
 Richard F. Briggs,
 Giles E. Brownell,
 Elijah H. Chisholm,
 George W. Clark,
 Alfred A. Clatur,
 Charles R. Codman,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 George Copeland,
 Robert Couch,
 William A. Creesy,
 Daniel A. Cronin,
 John Cushing,
 George J. Dean,
 Joseph Dyer,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
 Granville E. Foss,
 William Frost,
 John Gates,
 Addison Gilbert,

Messrs. Fitz E. Griffin,
 Isaac D. Hall,
 John W. Hammond,
 Lewis Hayden,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Benjamin Heath,
 Samuel W. Heath,
 Lot Higgins,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Charles J. Holmes,
 Samuel B. Hopkins,
 Emory A. Howard,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Richard H. Humphrey,
 Thomas Ingalls,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 Jesse E. Keith,
 George P. Kendrick,
 Lucius W. Knight,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 William H. Loughlin,
 George A. Marden,
 Charles W. Morrill,
 Liberty D. Packard,
 Albert Palmer,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 J. Winslow Peirce,
 John Perkins,
 Calvin T. Phillips,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Francis E. Porter,
 Rodolphus Porter,
 J. Henry Read,

Messrs. John W. Regan,	Messrs. Franklin H. Sprague,
Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,	Oliver M. Stacey,
John Samson,	William Stewart,
Joseph L. Sargent,	William B. Stone,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,	James G. Tarr,
Roger H. Scannell,	William Taylor,
Robert Seaver,	Hugh J. Toland,
Henry P. Shattuck,	Edward F. Watson,
James Smith,	William H. Whitfield,
A. L. Soule,	Henry W. Wilson,
Henry Splaine,	Benjamin F. Wing.

Yeas, 133 ; nays, 90.

Messrs. Carruth of Chelsea, Capen of Stoughton and Truesdell of West Stockbridge, were excused from voting, they having paired with Messrs. Jones of Boston, Calley of Saugus and McDaniel of Cambridge, respectively.

On the question of ordering the bill to a third reading Mr. Taylor of Boston called for the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

Mr. Winslow of Newton moved to postpone the bill until to-morrow. The motion was lost.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol moved to adjourn. The motion was lost by a vote of 16 to 122.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence moved that the bill be referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Cummings of Woburn moved the previous question. The motion was lost.

Mr. Crocker of Boston moved to lay the orders of the day upon the table and the motion was lost.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge moved that the bill be postponed until to-morrow, and the motion was carried.

The bill in further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill requiring returns in relation to steam-boilers, was read and amended on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston and Mr. Ladd of Springfield, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The resolve in relation to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, was read and considered.

Amendments were offered by Mr. Nowell of Boston and Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, but before a vote was reached, on motion of Mr. Evans of Everett, the House

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 21, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, the bill to incorporate the state board of trustees of the Hoosac Tunnel Railroad, was discharged from the orders of the day and considered. On his motion the vote by which the House ordered the yeas and nays on the question of ordering the bill to a third reading, was reconsidered, but they were again ordered. The roll was called and the bill was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 104 yeas to 70 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Wales Aldrich,
 Aaron Bagg,
 Andrew J. Bailey,
 Nahum Bailey, Jr.,
 William Baker,
 George W. Bardwell,
 Ezekiel D. Bement,
 Hiram Berry,
 John Bigelow,
 Sanford W. Billings,
 Peleg Blankinship,
 Franklin Bonney,
 Horace L. Bowker,
 Moses L. Buck,
 Addison Burnett,
 Henry Burt,
 Adam Capen, Jr.,
 Henry B. Chamberlin,
 Edward W. Chapin,
 Albe C. Clark,
 Francis W. Clark,
 John S. Coney,
 William H. Cook,
 Charles Crittenden,
 George G. Crocker,
 Joseph W. Cross,
 John Cummings,
 Ben. C. Currier,
 John Cushing,
 William F. Darby,
 George E. Davis,
 Joshua W. Davis,

Messrs. William Dean,
 Seymour B. Dewey,
 Lewis J. Dudley,
 Harrison O. Field,
 John H. Fisher,
 John E. Fitzgerald,
 Daniel C. Fletcher,
 Kirke E. Gardner,
 Charles A. Gleason,
 Asa H. Goddard,
 Stephen D. Goddard,
 A. J. Gove,
 Brownell Granger,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 Simeon Hardy,
 George H. Harlow,
 Austin Hawley,
 David P. Hatch,
 Samuel S. Haynes,
 Samuel E. Hildreth,
 John W. Hollis,
 Lewis Holmes,
 David P. Howes,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Alexis W. Ide,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Thomas M. Judd,
 William R. Kentfield,
 Charles R. Ladd,
 Noah D. Ladd,
 David Mayhew,
 Edward McCleave,

Messrs. Asa P. Morse,
 C. D. Morse,
 Lewis R. Norton,
 John A. Nowell,
 Weaver Osborn,
 Hiram Packard,
 John B. Parker,
 Charles Perley,
 Henry W. Phelps,
 William C. Plunkett,
 George Purrington, Jr.,
 William Roberts,
 Philip H. Robinson,
 George T. Ryder,
 Edward Sanford,
 George J. Sanger,
 Amos J. Saunders,
 Augustus J. Sawyer,
 John C. Scott,
 Nathaniel Sears,

Messrs. John Shaw,
 Amos W. Shumway,
 Henry C. Skinner,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 Charles Talbot,
 Joseph A. Titus,
 Marcus Truesdell,
 Q. A. Vinal,
 William N. Walker,
 Rodney Wallace,
 Andrew J. Waters,
 T. W. Wellington,
 James L. White,
 Tisdale S. White,
 George H. Whitman,
 Austin Whitney,
 Samuel Winslow,
 Oliver Wolcott,
 Elijah N. Woods.

NAYS.

Messrs. Francis R. Allen,
 Walter B. Allen,
 A. S. Atherton,
 Horace C. Bacon,
 James M. Barker,
 George Bartholmesz,
 Austin W. Benton,
 Edward L. Bigelow,
 George B. Blake,
 William E. Blunt,
 Dennis Bonner,
 Bowman B. Breed,
 Richard F. Briggs,
 Giles E. Brownell,
 Jacob B. Calley,
 Sumner Carruth,
 Elijah H. Chisholm,
 Charles R. Codman,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 George Copeland,
 Robert Couch,
 William A. Creesy,
 George J. Dean,
 Joseph Dyer,
 Alonzo H. Evans,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 Eustace C. Fitz,
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,

Messrs. Granville E. Foss,
 William Frost,
 Isaac D. Hall,
 Lewis Hayden,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Francis B. Hayes,
 Benjamin Heath,
 Lot Higgins,
 Amos Hill,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Charles J. Holmes,
 Emory A. Howard,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Thomas Ingalls,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 George P. Kendrick,
 Lucius W. Knight,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 George A. Marden,
 Samuel W. McDaniel,
 Liberty D. Packard,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 John Perkins,
 Calvin T. Phillips,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Francis E. Porter,
 Rodolphus Porter,
 J. Henry Read,

Messrs. John W. Regan,	Messrs. A. L. Soule,
Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,	Oliver M. Stacey,
John Samson,	Hugh J. Toland,
George P. Sanger,	Edward F. Watson,
Joseph L. Sargent,	William H. Whitfield,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,	Benjamin F. Wing,
James Smith,	Ezra D. Winslow.

Yeas, 104 ; nays, 70.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol presented a consolidation bill which he proposed to move as a substitute for the bill, and it was ordered to be printed. Subsequently, Mr. White of Plymouth gave a similar notice, and his bill was also ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Judd of Lee, the bill in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company was discharged from the orders of the day and considered, a motion to postpone it until next Tuesday being rejected by a vote of 84 to 92.

Lee & New
Haven Rail-
road.

The bill was debated until the time arrived for the noon recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The debate upon the bill was resumed. The vote was taken by yeas and nays, the question being on passing the bill notwithstanding the objection of His Excellency the Governor.

The roll was called, and there were 72 yeas and 118 nays, and the bill was rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Wales Aldrich,	Messrs. William H. Buck,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Addison Burnett,
Nahum Bailey, Jr.,	Henry Burt,
George W. Bardwell,	Adam Capen, Jr.,
James M. Barker,	Henry B. Chamberlin,
Ezekiel D. Bement,	Edward W. Chapin,
Edward A. Berdge,	Francis W. Clark,
Hiram Berry,	John S. Coney,
John Bigelow,	William H. Cook,
George B. Blake,	Charles Crittenden,
Franklin Bonney,	John Cushing,
Horace L. Bowker,	William F. Darby,
Moses L. Buck,	Joshua W. Davis,

Messrs. John H. Fisher,
 Kirke E. Gardner,
 A. J. Gove,
 Brownell Granger,
 Simeon Hardy,
 Austin Hawley,
 Samuel S. Haynes,
 Samuel E. Hildreth,
 John W. Hollis,
 Lewis Holmes,
 Emory A. Howard,
 David P. Howes,
 Barney Hull,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Edward J. Jones,
 Thomas M. Judd,
 William R. Kentfield,
 Charles R. Ladd,
 Elijah Marion,
 Albert Mason,
 Samuel W. McDaniel,
 Andrew M. Morton,

Messrs. Lewis R. Norton,
 John A. Nowell,
 Hiram Packard,
 John B. Parker,
 William C. Plunkett,
 John Samson,
 George J. Sanger,
 George P. Sanger,
 Augustus J. Sawyer,
 John C. Scott,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
 Joseph A. Titus,
 Marcus Truesdell,
 Andrew J. Waters,
 T. W. Wellington,
 James L. White,
 Tisdale S. White,
 George H. Whitman,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Oliver Wolcott,
 Elijah N. Woods.

NAYS.

Messrs. Francis R. Allen,
 A. S. Atherton,
 Horace C. Bacon,
 George Bartholmesz,
 John M. Batchelder,
 Elijah E. Belding,
 Austin W. Benton,
 Edward L. Bigelow,
 Sanford W. Billings,
 Peleg Blankinship,
 William E. Blunt,
 Dennis Bonner,
 James W. Bradley,
 Bowman B. Breed,
 Richard F. Briggs,
 Giles E. Brownell,
 Jacob B. Calley,
 Sumner Carruth,
 Elijah H. Chisholm,
 George W. Clark,
 Alfred A. Clatur,
 Charles R. Codman,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 George Copeland,
 Robert Couch,

Messrs. William A. Cressy,
 George G. Crocker,
 Daniel A. Cronin,
 Joseph W. Cross,
 John Cummings,
 Ben. C. Currier,
 George E. Davis,
 George J. Dean,
 I. W. Derby,
 Joseph Dyer,
 Henderson J. Edwards,
 Alonzo H. Evans,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 C. C. Field,
 John E. Fitzgerald,
 John W. Fletcher,
 William Frost,
 John Gates,
 Addison Gilbert,
 Charles A. Gleason,
 Asa H. Goddard,
 Stephen D. Goddard,
 Fitz E. Griffin,
 Isaac D. Hall,
 Charles V. Hanson,

Messrs. George H. Harlow,
David P. Hatch,
Lewis Hayden,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Francis B. Hayes,
Benjamin Heath,
Lot Higgins,
Amos Hill,
Henry B. Hill,
Charles J. Holmes,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
George H. Hoyt,
Richard H. Humphrey,
E. Atherton Hunt,
Thomas P. Hurlbut,
Alexis W. Ide,
Thomas Ingalls,
Jonathan Johnson,
George P. Kendrick,
Noah D. Ladd,
Almond B. Lancaster,
Willard Lewis,
George A. Marden,
David Mayhew,
Edward McCleave,
John B. Moore,
Charles W. Morrill,
Asa P. Morse,
C. D. Morse,
Weaver Osborn,
Liberty D. Packard,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
Daniel A. Patch,
J. Winslow Peirce,

Messrs. John Perkins,
Charles Perley,
Calvin T. Phillips,
Willard P. Phillips,
Francis E. Porter,
Rodolphus Porter,
George Purrington, Jr.,
John W. Regan,
Philip H. Robinson,
Edward Sanford,
Joseph L. Sargent,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
John Shaw,
Amos W. Shumway,
Henry C. Skinner,
A. L. Soule,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Henry Splaine,
Franklin H. Sprague,
Oliver M. Stacey,
Francis D. Stedman,
William Stewart,
John H. Studley,
Charles Talbot,
James G. Tarr,
Hugh J. Toland,
Q. A. Vinal,
William N. Walker,
Rodney Wallace,
Edward F. Watson,
William H. Whitfield,
Henry W. Wilson,
Benjamin F. Wing,
Ezra D. Winslow.

Yeas, 72 ; nays, 118.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, on leave, introduced a bill relating to certiorari and mandamus ; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Certiorari
and manda-
mus.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported that the House should concur with the Senate amendments to the bill to dissolve certain corporations ; and the amendments were concurred in.

Dissolution
of corpo-
rations.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, made a similar report on the bill concerning witnesses in criminal prosecutions in other states, and the House concurred in the Senate amendments with an amendment.

Witnesses
in criminal
prosecu-
tions.

Limited
partner-
ships.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the same committee, made a similar report on the bill concerning limited partnerships, and the House concurred in the Senate amendments.

Conveyance
of Berkeley
Street to
Boston.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of George T. Bigelow and others, reported a bill to provide for the conveyance of Berkeley Street to the city of Boston; which was read and ordered to a second reading. A minority report and bill accompanying the same were ordered to be printed.

Compensation of
auditors.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the same committee, reported that the bill in relation to the compensation of auditors ought to pass. Read and ordered to a second reading.

State prison
lands.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the same committee, to whom was referred the report of the attorney-general, reported a resolve to provide for the payment of expenses under the act to provide for establishing the boundary lines of the state prison lands; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

Attorney-
General's
report.

The same gentleman also reported that no further legislation is necessary on the attorney-general's report.

Dunstable.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the same committee, reported that the Senate bill to legalize certain votes passed by the inhabitants of Dunstable, ought to pass, and it was ordered to a second reading.

C. Burleigh.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of Charles Burleigh, reported the same in a new draft; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

Commercial
fertilizers.

The House concurred in the Senate amendments to the bill concerning commercial fertilizers.

Museum
of Compa-
rative Zo-
ology.

The resolve in favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, came down, the Senate having non-concurred in the amendment proposed by the House, that all colleges and schools shall have equal privileges in the institution, and that \$25,000 shall be realized from private donations before the sum appropriated is paid out of the treasury. The House voted to insist upon the said amendment.

State
House.

A resolve providing for repairs and improvements on the state house; and a

Compensation funds
for harbors.

Bill to provide for the investment of compensation funds for harbors of the Commonwealth;

Which had severally been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, and were referred to the committee on Finance.

A resolve in relation to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

The reports of the committee on Harbors :

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Boston and Maine Railroad to cover flats adjacent to its bridges in Charles and Miller's Rivers, and use the same for depot purposes ;

Boston and
Maine Rail-
road Co.

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Eastern Railroad Company for authority to widen its bridges over Charles and Miller's Rivers, and for other purposes ;

Eastern R.
R. Co.

Which had been accepted in the Senate, came down and were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

Bills :

Concerning fees of town clerks for obtaining and recording the facts relating to deaths ;

To give a right of action against owners of railroads to persons who perform labor or furnish materials in and for the construction of said roads ;

For the protection of sea-fowl in the waters of Edgartown ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Authorizing the taking of land for the purpose of a state prison ;

To establish a harbor line on Merrimack River, in Newburyport ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The resolve in relation to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor was debated. Amendments offered by Mr. Bailey of Charlestown and Mr. Nowell of Boston were adopted, and the resolve was then rejected by a vote of 46 to 62.

The bill concerning the compensation of the police commissioners, was read and amended on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, providing that the salary of the commissioners shall be \$500 each per annum and that their

actual travelling expenses shall be paid. The bill was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to authorize the town of Newton to aid the Newton Cemetery Corporation was discussed. Amendments offered by Mr. Hurlbut of Sudbury and Mr. Winslow of Newton were adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Osborn of Fall River, the House Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 22, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Steam-boilers.

The bill requiring returns in relation to steam-boilers came down from the Senate, that branch having non-concurred in a House amendment, from which the House receded.

Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg R. R. Co.

The 19th joint rule was suspended and the House concurred in the reference to the committee on Railways of a bill to allow the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad Company to build a branch railroad.

Newburyport City R. R. Co.

A bill concerning the Newburyport City Railroad Company, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

A motion made by Mr. Barker of Pittsfield to reconsider the vote by which the House rejected the resolve in relation to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor was lost by a vote of 72 to 80.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To confirm the doings of the town of Hubbardston in changing the number of school districts in said town, and for other purposes ;

To provide for the attendance of constables at sessions of the municipal court in the city of Boston ;

To authorize towns and cities to appropriate money toward defraying the expense of maintaining libraries ;

In relation to empanelling juries in capital cases ;

To fix the salary of the clerk of courts for the County of Hampshire ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To authorize the town of Wrentham to raise money by taxation for the purpose of celebrating its bi-centennial anniversary (which originated in the Senate), were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves : Directing the railroad commissioners to report to the next General Court a codification of the railroad laws (which originated in the House of Representatives) ; in favor of the commissioners on the publication of the General Statutes ; authorizing the trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Northampton to exchange certain lands (which severally originated in the Senate), were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate. Resolves passed.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

The reports of the committee on Harbors,

Leave to withdraw on the petition of the Boston and Maine Railroad to cover flats adjacent to its bridges in Charles and Miller's Rivers, and to use the same for depot purposes ; and

Leave to withdraw on the petition of the Eastern Railroad Company for authority to widen its bridges over Charles and Miller's Rivers, and for other purposes ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills : In relation to the compensation of auditors ; to legalize certain votes passed by the inhabitants of Dunstable, were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills : To prevent the defacement of natural scenery ; in relation to the oath for the relief of poor debtors ; to give a right of action against owners of railroads to persons who perform labor or furnish materials in and for the construction of said roads, were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills : For the protection of sea-fowl in the waters of Edgartown ; to establish harbor lines on Neponset River, were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. The vote on the last-named bill was subsequently reconsidered and amended, on motion of Mr. Wilson of Boston, and was again passed to be engrossed.

The bill in relation to the smelt fishery was read and amended, on motion of Mr. Parker of New Bedford, and it was then ordered to a third reading.

The bill regulating elections in the city of Boston was read and debated. Amendments proposed by the Judiciary committee were adopted. The discussion on the bill had not ceased when the noon recess was taken.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Hoosac?
Tunnel.

The orders of the day were temporarily tabled, and on motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown the bill to incorporate the State Board of Trustees of the Hoosac Tunnel Railroad was discharged from the orders, and it was voted that it be placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of
the day.

The orders were taken from the table, and the discussion of the bill regulating elections in the city of Boston was resumed. Amendments proposed by Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth and Mr. Whitman of Billerica were adopted, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The bill in relation to the punishment of certain crimes was read and debated, and was finally passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 23, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Bills
passed.

Engrossed bills: To establish the city of Newton; concerning commercial fertilizers; in relation to the increase of capital stock by horse railway companies; to amend chapter 55 of the General Statutes relating to limited partnerships (which originated in the House of Representatives); requiring returns in relation to steam-boilers (which originated in the Senate), were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Cambridge
—city char-
ter.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge presented the petition of the mayor of Cambridge for an amendment to the charter of said city; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Subsequently, the same gentleman from that committee, reported a bill to amend said charter, which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Fire
escaped.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, from the same committee, to

whom was referred the petition of Henry K. Oliver, and an order of the House, reported thereon a bill to provide for suitable fire-escapes for manufacturing and mechanical establishments; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Senate resolve in relation to uniting certain cities and towns with the city of Boston, asked to be discharged from its further consideration. The report was accepted, and the bill ordered to a second reading.

Commission
on general
annexation.

Mr. Chapin of Holyoke, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate resolve providing for repairs and improvements on the state house, reported that the same ought to pass.

State House
improve-
ments.

Mr. Benton from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve to provide for the payment of expenses under the act to provide for establishing the boundary lines of the state prison lands, reported that the same ought to pass. These resolves were severally ordered to a second reading.

State
prison
lands.

Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on Printing, to whom was referred the order concerning the printing of three thousand extra copies of the agricultural report presented a resolve directing the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture to print two thousand extra copies of the report of said board; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

Agricultu-
ral report.

Papers from the Senate.

The bill relating to the taxation of incomes, which had been passed to be engrossed in concurrence in the Senate, came down with amendments, and was referred in course to the committee on the Judiciary.

Taxation of
incomes.

The Senate having non-concurred in the House amendment to the bill relative to the compensation of the police commissioners, the House voted to insist upon its amendment.

Police com-
missioners.

A bill in relation to the Worcester Academy, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Worcester
Academy.

A bill to authorize the revision of awards of compensation for the use of the tracks of street railway corporations, introduced on leave in the Senate and referred to the committee on Horse Railways, came down and was referred under the 19th joint rule to the next General Court.

Street rail-
way corpo-
rations.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The bill concerning the Newburyport City Railroad Company ; and the

Resolve in relation to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor ;
Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Concerning fees of town clerks for obtaining and recording the facts relating to deaths ;

In relation to the compensation of auditors ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to legalize certain votes passed by the inhabitants of Dunstable, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the state board of trustees of the Hoosac Tunnel Railroad, was considered.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol moved to amend the bill by substituting therefor a bill to consolidate the Fitchburg, Vermont and Massachusetts and Troy and Boston Railroads.

Mr. White of Plymouth moved to amend the substitute by the adoption of a bill to incorporate the Atlantic and Ontario Railway Trust Company.

Mr. Dudley of Northampton moved to amend the bill to incorporate the state board of trustees, &c., by substituting therefor a bill with the same title, containing five additional sections permissive of consolidation between the Fitchburg and the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroads.

Hoosac
Tunnel—
committee
of the
whole.

The orders of the day were laid upon the table, and on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston the House voted to go into committee of the whole upon the subject of the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad and upon any questions connected therewith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into committee of the whole, and the Speaker appointed Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth its chairman.

Afterwards Mr. Cogswell reported to the House that the committee had considered the subject and recommended that the bill offered by Mr. White of Plymouth be rejected ; that various amendments be adopted to the bill to incorporate the state board of trustees of the Hoosac Tunnel Railroad ; that section eighteen be stricken out, and the order relative to that section concerning terminal stations of the railroads entering Boston from the north, be

recommitted to the committee on Railways; also that the committee ask leave to sit again. The report was accepted and the various recommendations were adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, the bill to incorporate the state board of trustees of the Hoosac Tunnel Railroad, and the bills proposed by Mr. Hoyt of Athol and Mr. Dudley of Northampton, were severally ordered to be printed in their present form.

An attempt to verify the vote on a motion made by the same gentleman that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Tuesday next, showed that a quorum of the members were not present, and on motion of Mr. Sears of Barnstable, the House

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, May 24, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Athol, the bill to incorporate the State Board of Trustees of the Hoosac Tunnel Railroad was discharged from the orders of the day and postponed until Tuesday next, to be placed first in the orders of the day.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

Papers from the Senate.

Notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate that the House bill in relation to widows' dower had been rejected by that branch.

Widows'
dower.

A bill to authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to change the location of its railroad in the town of Provincetown, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, and, on motion of Mr. Sears of Barnstable, the rules were suspended, and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Old Colony
R. R. Co.

A bill relating to tenement houses (to amend section 2 of chapter 280 of the acts of 1871), which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Tenement
houses.

A bill to authorize towns to appropriate money for headstones or other monuments at the graves of deceased soldiers and sailors, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was referred to the same committee.

Headstones
or monu-
ments at
graves of
soldiers and
sailors.

100th anniversary of American independence.

Resolves in relation to the one hundredth anniversary of American independence, which had been passed by the Senate, were referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Fall River Banking & Trust Co.

A bill to incorporate the Fall River Banking and Trust Company, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Agent for discharged convicts.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Prisons inquire into the expediency of abolishing the office of agent for discharged convicts.

Land for a state prison.

The bill authorizing the taking of land for the purposes of a state prison came down, the Senate having non-concurred in the House amendments; and on motion of Mr. Soule of Springfield the House voted to insist upon its amendments.

Fire and marine insurance.

The annual statements of fire and marine insurance, appertaining to part first of the eighteenth annual report of the Insurance Commissioner, were received from that officer and placed on file.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :
 Concerning the militia ;
 To establish a standard form for insurance policies ;
 To establish a harbor line across Merrimack River in Newburyport ;
 For the protection of sea-fowl in the waters of Edgartown ;
 (Which severally originated in the Senate ;)
 Concerning witnesses in criminal prosecutions in other states ;
 In relation to the peremptory challenging of jurors ;
 (Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)
 Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.
 Bills :
 To amend the charter of the city of Cambridge ;
 In relation to the Worcester Academy ;
 Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.
 Resolves :
 To provide for the payment of expenses under the act to provide for establishing the boundary line of the state prison lands ;

Providing for repairs and improvements on the state house;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve in relation to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, and the bill concerning the Newburyport City Railroad Company, were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill in further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was read and debated. Mr. Crocker of Boston offered an amendment providing that ale, strong beer and lager-bier may be sold not to be drank upon the premises.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston moved to amend the bill to allow the manufacture and sale of native wines.

After discussion, Mr. Blake of Milford moved the previous question. The yeas and nays were ordered on the motion, at the call of Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston. The roll was called and the motion was carried by a vote of 93 yeas to 46 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Francis R. Allen,
William Baker,
George W. Bardwell,
James M. Barker,
Elijah E. Belding,
Hiram Berry,
Edward L. Bigelow,
Sanford W. Billings,
George B. Blake,
Peleg Blankinship,
William E. Blunt,
Dennis Bonner,
James W. Bradley,
Bowman B. Breed,
Richard F. Briggs,
Giles E. Brownell,
Moses L. Buck,
William H. Buck,
Addison Burnett,
Henry Burt,
Adam Capen, Jr.,
John B. D. Cogswell,
John S. Coney,
Daniel A. Cronin,
George E. Davis,

Messrs. Joshua W. Davis,
George J. Dean,
William Dean,
Lewis J. Dudley,
Joseph Dyer,
Alonzo H. Evans,
George O. Fairbanks,
John H. Fisher,
Eustace C. Fitz,
Daniel C. Fletcher,
H. M. French,
Addison Gilbert,
Asa H. Goddard,
Stephen D. Goddard,
A. J. Gove,
Brownell Granger,
Fitz E. Griffin,
John W. Hammond,
Charles V. Hanson,
George H. Harlow,
David P. Hatch,
Samuel S. Haynes,
Samuel E. Hildreth,
John W. Hollis,
Charles J. Holmes,

Messrs. Lewis Holmes,
 Samuel B. Hopkins,
 David P. Howes,
 Thomas P. Hurlbut,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Edward J. Jones,
 George P. Kendrick,
 Noah D. Ladd,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 Willard Lewis,
 David Mayhew,
 Samuel W. McDaniel,
 Thomas J. Morgan,
 Charles W. Morrill,
 C. D. Morse,
 Lewis R. Norton,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Hiram Packard,
 John Perkins,
 Charles Perley,
 Calvin T. Phillips,
 William C. Plunkett,

Messrs. Francis E. Porter,
 Rodolphus Porter,
 George Purrington, Jr.,
 Philip H. Robinson,
 Edward Sanford,
 Amos J. Saunders,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 Roger H. Scannell,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 William B. Stone,
 Charles Talbot,
 James G. Tarr,
 E. Loring Thayer,
 William N. Walker,
 Andrew J. Waters,
 T. W. Wellington,
 William H. Whitfield,
 Austin Whitney,
 Samuel Winslow,
 Moses D. Woodbury.

NAYS.

Messrs. Andrew J. Bailey,
 George Bartholmesz,
 John Bigelow,
 Richard Britton,
 Jacob B. Calley,
 Henry B. Chamberlin,
 William H. Cook,
 George G. Crocker,
 John Cushing,
 I. W. Derby,
 John E. Fitzgerald,
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
 Granville E. Foss,
 William Frost,
 Simeon Hardy,
 Francis B. Hayes,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Richard H. Humphrey,
 Alexis W. Ide,
 Thomas Ingalls,
 Charles R. Ladd,
 William H. Loughlin,
 George A. Marden,

Messrs. Elijah Marion,
 Edward McCleave,
 Andrew M. Morton,
 John A. Nowell,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 J. Winslow Peirce,
 Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,
 John Samson,
 George P. Sanger,
 Joseph L. Sargent,
 John C. Scott,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 Robert Seaver,
 Henry P. Shattuck,
 Amos W. Shumway,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 A. L. Soule,
 Oliver M. Stacey,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 William Stewart,
 John H. Studley,
 Q. A. Vinal,
 Tisdale S. White.

Yeas, 93 ; nays, 46.

Mr. Cook of Boston called for the yeas and nays on the

question of passing the bill to be engrossed, and the motion was lost.

Mr. Crocker's amendment was rejected by a vote of 35 to 81. Mr. Fitzgerald's motion was also rejected, and the bill was rejected by a vote of 59 to 64.

On motion of Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, the House Adjourned.

MONDAY, May 26, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported that the House should concur in one Senate amendment to the bill relating to the taxation of incomes, with an amendment making the amount to be exempted two thousand instead of twenty-five hundred dollars. Also, that the House should non-concur with the other Senate amendment. The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted. Taxation of incomes.

The same gentleman, for the same committee, reported on an order of the House, relative to the titles of certain lands, a resolve to authorize the transfer of certain books and papers to the State of Maine; which was read and ordered to a second reading. Titles of lands in Maine.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the same committee, reported that the bill to authorize the South Boston Railway Company to increase its capital stock ought to pass, and it was passed to be engrossed in concurrence. South Boston R. R. Co.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported that the Senate bill to amend section 2 of chapter 280 of the acts of 1871, relating to tenement houses, ought to pass, and it was ordered to a second reading. Tenement houses.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the same committee, reported that the Senate bill to authorize towns to appropriate money for headstones or other monuments at the graves of deceased soldiers and sailors ought to pass, and it was ordered to a second reading. Graves of deceased soldiers and sailors.

The orders of the day were taken up. Orders of the day.

Bills :

To provide for the conveyance of Berkeley Street to the city of Boston ;

To provide for suitable fire-escapes for manufacturing and mechanical establishments ;

To incorporate the Fall River Banking and Trust Company ;

(The latter having been amended on motion of Mr. Benton of Brookline ;)

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve relating to the claim of Charles Burleigh was, on motion of Mr. Sears of Barnstable, postponed until to-morrow.

The bill in relation to the smelt fishery was read and amended, on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills :

Regulating elections in the city of Boston ;

To amend the charter of the city of Cambridge ; and the

Resolve to provide for the payment of expenses under the act to provide for establishing the boundary lines of the state prison lands ;

Were severally passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve providing for repairs and improvements on the state house ; and the bill in relation to the Worcester Academy, were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Amendments offered by Messrs. Bailey of Charlestown, Whitman of Billerica, Sears of Barnstable, and Capen of Stoughton, to the Senate resolve in relation to uniting certain cities and towns with the city of Boston were adopted, and the resolve was then rejected.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston the House Adjourned.

TUESDAY, May 27, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Jones of Boston, on leave, introduced a resolve in favor of the state prison inspectors ; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

State
prison in-
spectors.

E. A. HILL.

Mr. Vinal of Somerville presented the petition of Edwin

A. Hill for protection against the unjust and excessive demands of the Charter Oak Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut; which was referred under the rule to the next General Court.

Papers from the Senate.

The report of the committee on Railways (inexpedient to legislate) on an order in regard to further legislation concerning connecting railroads, which had been accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The Senate having insisted on its non-concurrence in the House amendments to the resolve in favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, and having asked for a committee of conference the House concurred therein, and Messrs. Ladd of Springfield, Holmes of Fall River, and Sears of Barnstable were joined on its part.

The Senate having taken similar action in regard to the resolve in relation to the taking of land for a state prison, the House concurred in a committee of conference thereon, and Messrs. Sanger of Cambridge, Soule of Springfield and Fitzgerald of Boston were joined on its part.

The Senate having taken similar action also in regard to the bill relating to the compensation of the police commissioners, the House concurred in a committee of conference, and Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Stedman of Boston and Hammond of Cambridge, were joined on its part.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

In further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to change the location of its railroad in the town of Provincetown ;

Concerning the Newburyport City Railroad Company ;

To establish harbor lines on Neponset River ;

To legalize certain votes cast by the inhabitants of the town of Dunstable ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed resolve in relation to the Bureau of

Statistics of Labor (which originated in the Senate), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bills :

To authorize towns to appropriate money to provide headstones or other monuments for deceased soldiers and sailors ;

To amend section 2, chapter 280 of the acts of 1871, relating to tenement houses ; and the

Resolve to authorize the transfer of certain books and papers to the State of Maine ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Committee
of the
whole.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Athol, the orders of the day were laid on the table, and the House resolved itself into committee of the whole, to consider the subject of the disposition of the Hoosac Tunnel, and all questions connected therewith, the Speaker designating Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth to act as chairman.

Afterwards Mr. Cogswell reported to the House that the committee had considered the subject, and had instructed him to report progress and ask leave to sit again. The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, 3 o'clock, P. M., to-morrow was assigned as the time for taking the vote on the bill to incorporate the state board of trustees of the Hoosac Tunnel Railroad, and all questions connected therewith.

Mr. Cogswell then offered several amendments to the bill proposed by Mr. Hoyt of Athol, which were adopted.

Mr. Phillips of Salem offered an amendment to the same bill, and pending the consideration of the same, on motion of Mr. Hoyt of Athol, the House

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 28, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Annual
report of
Board of
Agriculture.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve in relation to printing additional reports of the annual report of the board of agriculture, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. The report

was accepted, and the resolve was ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

The bill relating to the taxation of incomes came down from the Senate, that branch having non-concurred with the House amendment, and insisted on its own amendment and asked for a committee of conference. The House concurred in the latter proposition, and Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Hammond of Cambridge, and Mason of Plymouth were joined on its part. Taxation of incomes.

The report of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient on an order to inquire whether the best interests of the State require that the prison commission should be continued, which had been accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Prison commission.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To dissolve certain corporations ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

In relation to the Worcester Academy ;

To authorize the South Boston Railroad Company to increase its capital stock ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed resolve, providing for certain repairs and improvements on the state house (which originated in the Senate), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bills :

To authorize towns to appropriate money to provide headstones or other monuments for deceased soldiers and sailors ;

To amend section 2, chapter 280 of the acts of 1871, relating to tenement houses ;

Were severally passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The resolve to authorize the transfer of certain books and papers to the State of Maine, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the state board of trustees of the Hoosac Tunnel Railroad was then discussed until the noon recess was taken, Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth being in the chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The discussion on the bill was resumed, and continued until the hour arrived for taking the vote. Amendments offered by Mr. Ladd of Springfield and Mr. Bailey of Charlestown to the minority bill were adopted. Amendments proposed by Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford were rejected.

Amendments to the bill offered by Mr. Hoyt of Athol, which were proposed by that gentleman, by Mr. Phillips of Salem and Mr. Sanford of Taunton, were adopted.

Mr. Cook of Boston called for the yeas and nays on the question of amending the bill by substituting therefor that proposed by Mr. Hoyt, which was entitled an act to provide for the consolidation of the Fitchburg, Vermont and Massachusetts and Troy and Boston Railroads.

They were ordered, the roll was called and the House refused to substitute the bill by a vote of 103 yeas to 120 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Francis R. Allen,
Walter B. Allen,
A. S. Atherton,
Horace C. Bacon,
James M. Barker,
George Bartholmesz,
Elijah E. Belding,
Austin W. Benton,
Edward A. Berdge,
Hiram Berry,
Edward L. Bigelow,
George B. Blake,
Peleg Blankinship,
William E. Blunt,
Dennis Bonner,
James W. Bradley,
Bowman B. Breed,
Richard F. Briggs,
Giles E. Brownell,
Jacob B. Calley,
Sumner Carruth,
Edward W. Chapin,
Elijah H. Chisholm,
George W. Clark,
Alfred A. Clatur,
Charles R. Codman,

Messrs. John B. D. Cogswell,
John S. Coney,
George Copeland,
Robert Couch,
William A. Creesy,
George G. Crocker,
Daniel A. Cronin,
George J. Dean,
I. W. Derby,
Joseph Dyer,
George O. Fairbanks,
Eustace C. Fitz,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
Granville E. Foss,
William Frost,
John Gates,
Fitz E. Griffin,
Isaac D. Hall,
John W. Hammond,
Lewis Hayden,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Francis B. Hayes,
Benjamin Heath,
Samuel W. Heath,
Lot Higgins,
Amos Hill,

Messrs. Henry B. Hill,
 Samuel B. Hopkins,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Barney Hull,
 Richard H. Humphrey,
 E. Atherton Hunt,
 Thomas Ingalls,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 Jesse E. Keith,
 George P. Kendrick,
 Lucius W. Knight,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 William H. Loughlin,
 George A. Marden,
 Samuel W. McDaniel,
 Charles W. Morrill,
 Liberty D. Packard,
 Albert Palmer,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 J. Winslow Peirce,
 John Perkins,
 Calvin T. Phillips,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Rodolphus Porter,
 J. Henry Read,

Messrs. John W. Regan,
 Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,
 John Samson,
 J. E. Sanford,
 Joseph L. Sargent,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 Roger H. Scannell,
 Henry P. Shattuck,
 Amos W. Shumway,
 James Smith,
 A. L. Soule,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Henry Splaine,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 Oliver M. Stacey,
 William Stewart,
 William B. Stone,
 James G. Tarr,
 Hugh J. Toland,
 William N. Walker,
 Rodney Wallace,
 Edward F. Watson,
 William H. Whitfield,
 Henry W. Wilson,
 Benjamin F. Wing.

NAYS.

Messrs. Wales Aldrich,
 Andrew J. Bailey,
 Nahum Bailey, Jr.,
 William Baker,
 George W. Bardwell,
 John M. Batchelder,
 Ezekiel D. Bement,
 John Bigelow,
 Sanford W. Billings,
 William R. Black,
 Franklin Bonney,
 Horace L. Bowker,
 Richard Britton,
 Moses L. Buck,
 William H. Buck,
 Addison Burnett,
 Henry Burt,
 Adam Capen, Jr.,
 Charles V. Carpenter,
 Francis W. Clark,
 William H. Cook,
 Charles Crittenden,

Messrs. Joseph W. Cross,
 John Cummings,
 Ben. C. Currier,
 John Cushing,
 William F. Darby,
 George E. Davis,
 Joshua W. Davis,
 William Dean,
 Seymour B. Dewey,
 Lewis J. Dudley,
 Henderson J. Edwards,
 Alonzo H. Evans,
 C. C. Field,
 Harrison O. Field,
 John H. Fisher,
 John E. Fitzgerald,
 Daniel C. Fletcher,
 John W. Fletcher,
 H. M. French,
 Kirke E. Gardner,
 Charles A. Gleason,
 Asa H. Goddard,

Messrs. Stephen D. Goddard,	Messrs. Henry W. Phelps,
A. J. Gove,	William C. Plunkett,
Brownell Granger,	George Purrington, Jr.,
Charles V. Hanson,	William Roberts,
Simeon Hardy,	George T. Ryder,
George H. Harlow,	Edward Sanford,
Austin Hawley,	George J. Sanger,
David P. Hatch,	George P. Sanger,
Samuel S. Haynes,	Amos J. Saunders,
Samuel E. Hildreth,	Augustus J. Sawyer,
John W. Hollis,	John C. Scott,
Charles J. Holmes,	Nathaniel Sears,
Lewis Holmes,	James B. Shaw,
Emory A. Howard,	John Shaw,
David P. Howes,	Henry C. Skinner,
Thomas P. Hurlbut,	Joshua B. Smith,
Richardson Hutchinson,	Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
Nathan S. Jenkins,	Francis D. Stedman,
Thomas M. Judd,	James A. Stetson,
William R. Kentfield,	Thomas N. Stone,
Charles R. Ladd,	John H. Studley,
Noah D. Ladd,	Andrew H. Sweet,
Willard Lewis,	Charles Talbot,
Elijah Marion,	E. Loring Thayer,
Albert Mason,	Joseph A. Titus,
David Mayhew,	Marcus Truesdell,
Edward McCleave,	Q. A. Vinal,
John B. Moore,	Andrew J. Waters,
Thomas J. Morgan,	T. W. Wellington,
C. D. Morse,	James L. White,
Andrew M. Morton,	Tisdale S. White,
Lewis R. Norton,	George H. Whitman,
John A. Nowell,	Austin Whitney,
Edward O. Noyes,	Robert R. Wiley,
Weaver Osborn,	Samuel Winslow,
Hiram Packard,	Oliver Wolcott,
John B. Parker,	Moses D. Woodbury,
Charles Perley,	Elijah N. Woods.

Yeas, 103 ; nays, 120.

Mr. Dudley of Northampton withdrew the substitute proposed by him, and an amendment offered as a substitute by Mr. Hayes of Boston was rejected by a vote of 95 to 105. The latter was entitled "An act to authorize the Governor and Council to expend two hundred thousand dollars in completing the Hoosac Tunnel and its approaches and for other purposes."

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of ordering the bill to be

engrossed. The roll was called and the bill was passed to be engrossed by a vote of 110 yeas to 108 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Wales Aldrich,
Andrew J. Bailey,
Nahum Bailey, Jr.,
William Baker,
George W. Bardwell,
John M. Batchelder,
Ezekiel D. Bement,
John Bigelow,
Sanford W. Billings,
William R. Black,
Franklin Bonney,
Horace L. Bowker,
Richard Britton,
Moses L. Buck,
William H. Buck,
Addison Burnett,
Henry Burt,
Adam Capen, Jr.,
Charles V. Carpenter,
Edward W. Chapin,
Francis W. Clark,
Alfred A. Clatur,
William H. Cook,
Charles Crittenden,
Joseph W. Cross,
John Cummings,
John Cushing,
William F. Darby,
George E. Davis,
Joshua W. Davis,
I. W. Derby,
Seymour B. Dewey,
Henderson J. Edwards,
C. C. Field,
Harrison O. Field,
John H. Fisher,
John E. Fitzgerald,
Daniel C. Fletcher,
John W. Fletcher,
H. M. French,
Kirke E. Gardner,
Asa H. Goddard,
A. J. Gove,
Brownell Granger,

Messrs. Charles V. Hanson,
Simeon Hardy,
George H. Harlow,
Austin Hawley,
David P. Hatch,
Samuel S. Haynes,
Samuel E. Hildreth,
John W. Hollis,
Lewis Holmes,
Emory A. Howard,
David P. Howes,
Thomas P. Hurlbut,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Thomas M. Judd,
William R. Kentfield,
Charles R. Ladd,
Noah D. Ladd,
Elijah Marion,
Albert Mason,
David Mayhew,
Edward McCleave,
John B. Moore,
Thomas J. Morgan,
C. D. Morse,
Andrew M. Morton,
Lewis R. Norton,
John A. Nowell,
Weaver Osborn,
Hiram Packard,
John B. Parker,
Charles Perley,
Henry W. Phelps,
William C. Plunkett,
William Roberts,
George T. Ryder,
Edward Sanford,
George J. Sanger,
Amos J. Saunders,
Augustus J. Sawyer,
John C. Scott,
Nathaniel Sears,
James B. Shaw,
John Shaw,

Messrs. Henry C. Skinner,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 James A. Stetson,
 John H. Studley,
 Andrew H. Sweet,
 E. Loring Thayer,
 Joseph A. Titus,
 Marcus Truesdell,
 Q. A. Vinal,

Messrs. Andrew J. Waters,
 T. W. Wellington,
 James L. White,
 Tisdale S. White,
 George H. Whitman,
 Austin Whitney,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Samuel Winslow,
 Oliver Wolcott,
 Moses D. Woodbury,
 Elijah N. Woods.

NAYS.

Messrs. Francis R. Allen,
 Walter B. Allen,
 A. S. Atherton,
 Horace C. Bacon,
 James M. Barker,
 George Bartholmesz,
 Elijah E. Belding,
 Austin W. Benton,
 Edward A. Berdge,
 Hiram Berry,
 Edward L. Bigelow,
 George B. Blake,
 William E. Blunt,
 Dennis Bonner,
 James W. Bradley,
 Bowman B. Breed,
 Richard F. Briggs,
 Giles E. Brownell,
 Jacob B. Calley,
 Sumner Carruth,
 Elijah H. Chisholm,
 George W. Clark,
 Charles R. Codman,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 John S. Coney,
 George Copeland,
 Robert Couch,
 William A. Creesy,
 George G. Crocker,
 Daniel A. Cronin,
 Ben. C. Currier,
 George J. Dean,
 Lewis J. Dudley,
 Joseph Dyer,
 Alonzo H. Evans,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 Eustace C. Fitz,

Messrs. T. F. Fitz Gerald,
 Granville E. Foss,
 William Frost,
 John Gates,
 Charles A. Gleason,
 Stephen D. Goddard,
 Fitz E. Griffin,
 Isaac D. Hall,
 John W. Hammond,
 Lewis Hayden,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Francis B. Hayes,
 Benjamin Heath,
 Samuel W. Heath,
 Lot Higgins,
 Amos Hill,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Charles J. Holmes,
 Samuel B. Hopkins,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Barney Hull,
 Richard H. Humphrey,
 E. Atherton Hunt,
 Thomas Ingalls,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 Jesse E. Keith,
 George P. Kendrick,
 Lucius W. Knight,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 Willard Lewis,
 William H. Loughlin,
 George A. Marden,
 Samuel W. McDaniel,
 Charles W. Morrill,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Liberty D. Packard,
 Albert Palmer,

Messrs. William C. Parker, Jr.,	Messrs. Amos W. Shumway,
Daniel A. Patch,	James Smith,
J. Winslow Peirce,	A. L. Soule,
John Perkins,	Reuben G. Sparks,
Calvin T. Phillips,	Henry Splaine,
Willard P. Phillips,	Franklin H. Sprague,
Rodolphus Porter,	Oliver M. Stacey,
J. Henry Read,	William Stewart,
John W. Regan,	Thomas N. Stone,
Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,	William B. Stone,
John Samson,	James G. Tarr,
John E. Sanford,	Hugh J. Toland,
George P. Sanger,	Rodney Wallace,
Joseph L. Sargent,	Edward F. Watson,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,	William H. Whitfield,
Roger H. Scannell,	Henry W. Wilson,
Henry P. Shattuck,	Benjamin F. Wing.

Yeas, 110 ; nays, 108.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown moved to adjourn.

Mr. Sargent of Lowell called for the yeas and nays on the motion. They were ordered, and the motion was lost by a vote of 96 yeas to 105 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Wales Aldrich,	Messrs. John Cummings,
Andrew J. Bailey,	John Cushing,
Nahum Bailey, Jr.,	William F. Darby,
William Baker,	George E. Davis,
George W. Bardwell,	Joshua W. Davis,
John M. Batchelder,	I. W. Derby,
Ezekiel D. Bement,	Seymour B. Dewey,
John Bigelow,	Henderson J. Edwards,
William R. Black,	C. C. Field,
Horace L. Bowker,	John H. Fisher,
Richard Britton,	John E. Fitzgerald,
Moses L. Buck,	Daniel C. Fletcher,
William H. Buck,	H. M. French,
Addison Burnett,	Kirke E. Gardner.
Henry Burt,	Asa H. Goddard,
Jacob B. Calley,	A. J. Gove.
Adam Capen, Jr.,	Brownell Granger,
Charles V. Carpenter,	Isaac D. Hall,
Edward W. Chapin,	Simeon Hardy,
Francis W. Clark,	George H. Harlow,
John S. Coney,	Austin Hawley,
William H. Cook,	David P. Hatch,
Charles Crittenden,	Samuel S. Haynes,

Messrs. Samuel E. Hildreth,
 John W. Hollis,
 Lewis Holmes,
 Emory A. Howard,
 David P. Howes,
 Thomas P. Hurlbut,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Thomas M. Judd,
 William R. Kentfield,
 Charles R. Ladd,
 Noah D. Ladd,
 Elijah Marion,
 Edward McCleave,
 Thomas J. Morgan,
 C. D. Morse,
 Lewis R. Norton,
 John A. Nowell,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Weaver Osborn,
 Hiram Packard,
 Charles Perley,
 Henry W. Phelps,
 William C. Plunkett,
 William Roberts,
 George T. Ryder,

Messrs. Edward Sanford,
 George J. Sanger,
 George P. Sanger,
 Augustus J. Sawyer,
 John C. Scott,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 James B. Shaw,
 John Shaw,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 Thomas N. Stone,
 John H. Studley,
 Andrew H. Sweet,
 E. Loring Thayer,
 Joseph A. Titus,
 Marcus Truesdell,
 Q. A. Vinal,
 Andrew J. Waters,
 T. W. Wellington,
 James L. White,
 Austin Whitney,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Samuel Winslow,
 Oliver Wolcott,
 Moses D. Woodbury.

NAYS.

Messrs. Francis R. Allen,
 Walter B. Allen,
 A. S. Atherton,
 Horace C. Bacon,
 James M. Barker,
 George Bartholmesz,
 Elijah E. Belding,
 Austin W. Benton,
 Edward A. Berdge,
 Hiram Berry,
 Edward L. Bigelow,
 Sanford W. Billings,
 William E. Blunt,
 Dennis Bonner,
 Bowman B. Breed,
 Richard F. Briggs,
 Giles E. Brownell,
 Sumner Carruth,
 George W. Clark,
 Charles R. Codman,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 Robert Couch,
 William A. Creesy,

Messrs. George G. Crocker,
 Daniel A. Cronin,
 Ben. C. Currier,
 George J. Dean,
 Lewis J. Dudley,
 Joseph Dyer,
 Alonzo H. Evans,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 Harrison O. Field,
 Eustace C. Fitz,
 T. F. Fitz Gerald,
 Granville E. Foss,
 William Frost,
 John Gates,
 Charles A. Gleason,
 Stephen D. Goddard,
 Fitz E. Griffin,
 John W. Hammond,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 Lewis Hayden,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Francis B. Hayes,
 Benjamin Heath,

Messrs. Samuel W. Heath,	Messrs. Willard P. Phillips,
Lot Higgins,	Rodolphus Porter,
Amos Hill,	J. Henry Read,
Henry B. Hill,	Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,
Charles J. Holmes,	John Samson,
Samuel B. Hopkins,	Joseph L. Sargent,
George H. Hoyt,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Richard H. Humphrey,	Roger H. Scannell,
E. Atherton Hunt,	Robert Seaver,
Richardson Hutchinson,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Thomas Ingalls,	Amos W. Shumway,
Jonathan Johnson,	Henry C. Skinner,
Edward J. Jones,	James Smith,
Jesse E. Keith,	Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
George P. Kendrick,	A. L. Soule,
Lucius W. Knight,	Reuben G. Sparks,
Almond R. Lancaster,	Henry Splaine,
Willard Lewis,	Franklin H. Sprague,
William H. Loughlin,	Oliver M. Stacey,
George A. Marden,	William Stewart,
Albert Mason,	William B. Stone,
Samuel W. McDaniel,	James G. Tarr,
Charles W. Morrill,	Hugh J. Toland,
Andrew M. Morton,	Edward F. Watson,
Albert Palmer,	William H. Whitfield,
William C. Parker, Jr.,	George H. Whitman,
Daniel A. Patch,	Henry W. Wilson,
J. Winslow Peirce,	Benjamin F. Wing,
John Perkins,	Elijah N. Woods.
Calvin T. Phillips,	

Yeas, 96 ; nays, 105.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House refused to substitute his bill, but the motion was ruled out of order, the orders of the day being under consideration.

The resolve relating to the claim of Charles Burleigh was read, but before any vote thereon was reached, on motion of Mr. Cook of Boston, the House

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 29, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Hunt of Weymouth presented the petition of the North Weymouth Fire District to be dissolved; which was referred to the next General Court.

N. Weymouth fire district.

General
Statutes.

Mr. Bowker of Boston offered an order authorizing the Sergeant-at-Arms to furnish each member of the Legislature with a copy of the General Statutes; which was laid over until Monday.

State prison
inspectors.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of the state prison inspectors, reported, asking to be discharged from its further consideration. The report was accepted and the resolve was ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

Taxation of
bank
shares.

The bill relating to the taxation of bank shares, which had been passed to be engrossed in concurrence in the Senate, came down with amendments in which the House concurred.

Appropri-
ation bill.

The bill making appropriations to meet certain expenses authorized the present year, and for other purposes, came down from the Senate with an amendment, and was temporarily tabled, but the House finally, on motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, concurred in the amendment.

Bill passed.

An engrossed bill relating to the taxation of bank shares (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve
passed.

An engrossed resolve, providing for repairs and improvements in the State Reform School (which originated in the Senate), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House passed to be engrossed the bill to incorporate the State Board of Trustees of the Hoosac Tunnel Railroad. The subject was discussed. The yeas and nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Cook of Boston, the roll was called, and the motion was carried by a vote of 109 yeas to 99 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Francis R. Allen,
Walter B. Allen,
A. S. Atherton,
Horace C. Bacon,
James M. Barker,
George Bartholmesz,
Elijah E. Belding,
Austin W. Benton,

Messrs. Edward A. Berdge,
Hiram Berry,
Edward L. Bigelow,
George B. Blake,
Peleg Blankinship,
William E. Blunt,
Dennis Bonner,
James W. Bradley,

Messrs. Bowman B. Breed,
 Richard F. Briggs,
 Giles E. Brownell,
 Addison Burnett,
 Jacob B. Calley,
 Sumner Carruth,
 Elijah H. Chisholm,
 George W. Clark,
 Charles R. Codman,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 John S. Coney,
 George Copeland,
 Robert Couch,
 William A. Creesy,
 George G. Crocker,
 Ben. C. Currier,
 George J. Dean,
 Lewis J. Dudley,
 Joseph Dyer,
 Frederick D. Ely,
 Alonzo H. Evans,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 Eustace C. Fitz,
 John W. Fletcher,
 Granville E. Foss,
 William Frost,
 John Gates,
 Addison Gilbert,
 Charles A. Gleason,
 Stephen D. Goddard,
 Fitz E. Griffin,
 Isaac D. Hall,
 John W. Hammond,
 Lewis Hayden,
 Francis B. Hayes,
 Benjamin Heath,
 Samuel W. Heath,
 Lot Higgins,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Charles J. Holmes,
 Samuel B. Hopkins,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Barney Hull,
 Richard H. Humphrey,
 E. Atherton Hunt,
 Thomas Ingalls,
 Jonathan Johnson,

Messrs. Jesse E. Keith,
 George P. Kendrick,
 Lucius W. Knight,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 William H. Loughlin,
 George A. Marden,
 Samuel W. McDaniel,
 Charles W. Morrell,
 Andrew M. Morton,
 Liberty D. Packard,
 Albert Palmer,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 J. Winslow Peirce,
 John Perkins,
 Calvin T. Phillips,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Francis E. Porter,
 Rodolphus Porter,
 J. Henry Read,
 Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,
 John Samson,
 George P. Sanger,
 Joseph L. Sargent,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 Henry P. Shattuck,
 Amos W. Shumway,
 James Smith,
 Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
 A. L. Soule,
 Henry Splaine,
 Oliver M. Stacey,
 James A. Stetson,
 William Stewart,
 Thomas N. Stone,
 William B. Stone,
 Charles Talbot,
 James G. Tarr,
 William Taylor,
 Hugh J. Toland,
 William N. Walker,
 Edward F. Watson,
 William H. Whitfield,
 Henry W. Wilson,
 Benjamin B. Wing,
 Ezra D. Winslow.

NAYS.

Messrs. Wales Aldrich,
Andrew J. Bailey,
Nahum Bailey, Jr.,
George W. Bardwell,
Ezekiel D. Bement,
John Bigelow,
Sanford W. Billings,
William R. Black,
Franklin Bonney,
Horace L. Bowker,
Richard Britton,
Moses L. Buck,
William H. Buck,
Henry Burt,
Adam Capen, Jr.,
Charles V. Carpenter,
Henry B. Chamberlin,
Francis W. Clark,
William H. Cook,
Charles Crittenden,
Joseph W. Cross,
John Cummings,
John Cushing,
William F. Darby,
George E. Davis,
Joshua W. Davis,
William Dean,
I. W. Derby,
Seymour B. Dewey,
Henderson J. Edwards,
C. C. Field,
Harrison O. Field,
John H. Fisher,
John E. Fitzgerald,
Daniel C. Fletcher,
H. M. French,
Kirke E. Gardner,
Asa H. Goddard,
Brownell Granger,
Charles V. Hanson,
Simeon Hardy,
George H. Harlow,
Austin Hawley,
David P. Hatch,
Samuel S. Haynes,
Samuel E. Hildreth,
John W. Hollis,

Messrs. Lewis Holmes,
Emory A. Howard,
David P. Howes,
Thomas P. Hurlbut,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Alexis W. Ide,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Edward J. Jones,
Thomas M. Judd,
William R. Kentfield,
Charles R. Ladd,
Noah D. Ladd,
Willard Lewis,
Elijah Marion,
Albert Mason,
David Mayhew,
Edward McCleave,
John B. Moore,
Thomas J. Morgan,
Lewis R. Norton,
John A. Nowell,
Weaver Osborn,
Hiram Packard,
John B. Parker,
Charles Perley,
William C. Plunkett,
George Purrington, Jr.,
William Roberts,
George T. Ryder,
Edward Sanford,
Augustus J. Sawyer,
John C. Scott,
Nathaniel Sears,
James B. Shaw,
John Shaw,
Henry C. Skinner,
Joshua B. Smith,
Francis D. Stedman,
Andrew H. Sweet,
Joseph A. Titus,
Marcus Truesdell,
Q. A. Vinal,
Andrew J. Waters,
T. W. Wellington,
James L. White,
Tisdale S. White,
George H. Whitman,

Messrs. Austin Whitney,
Robert R. Wiley,
Samuel Winslow,

Messrs. Oliver Wolcott,
Moses D. Woodbury.

Yeas, 109; nays, 99.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House refused to amend the bill by substituting therefor the bill offered by Mr. Hayes of Boston, the same being an act to authorize the Governor and Council to expend \$200,000 in completing the Hoosac Tunnel and its approaches, and for other purposes. The motion was carried. The bill was amended on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth and Mr. Phillips of Salem, and when the question of substituting this bill for the one to incorporate the State Board of Trustees of the Hoosac Tunnel Railroad was put, the motion was carried without a division. The bill as amended was then passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Athol, it was voted that when the House adjourn it be to meet on Monday next at 2 P. M.

The usual recess was then taken.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The orders of the day were considered.

Orders of
the day.

The report of the committee on Prisons (inexpedient) on the order to inquire whether the best interests of the Commonwealth require that the prison commissioners should be continued was accepted in concurrence.

The resolve relative to printing additional copies of the report of the Board of Agriculture was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to provide for suitable fire-escapes for manufacturing and mechanical establishments was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve relating to the claim of Charles Burleigh was read and amended on motion of Mr. Granger of Boston, by substituting another resolve therefor, and was then ordered to a third reading.

The bill to provide for the conveyance of Berkeley Street to the city of Boston was read and debated at length, Mr. Sanger of Cambridge moving to amend by substituting therefor a bill proposed by a minority of the committee on the Judiciary. Before a vote was reached, on motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, the House

Adjourned.

MONDAY, June 2, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Bank taxes
illegally or
twice col-
lected.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the order relative to passing a law relative to refunding of bank taxes illegally or twice collected, reported inexpedient to legislate, and the report was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Poor debt-
ors.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted the bill in relation to the discharge of poor debtors, with the substitute offered therefor by Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, reported that the substitute bill ought to pass with an amended title. The bill was ordered to a second reading.

Certiorari
and man-
damus.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the same committee, reported that the bill relating to certiorari and mandamus, ought to pass in a new draft, and the bill was read and ordered to a second reading.

*Papers from the Senate.*Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Ordered, In concurrence, that hereafter the annual report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor shall be numbered and classified among the public documents.

Smelt fish-
ery.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a committee of three on the part of the Senate, and such as the House may join, be appointed to inquire and report whether chapter 211 of the acts of the present session, in relation to the smelt fishery, is in accordance with the bill as it passed both branches of the legislature, whether it was altered by any person or persons without authority during its passage, and report the facts and what legislation may be necessary thereon.

And Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Soule of Springfield, Mason of Plymouth, Barker of Pittsfield, and Hammond of Cambridge were joined on the part of the House.

Moses B.
Sewall.

The report of the committee on Claims (leave to withdraw) on the petition of the administrator of the estate of Moses B. Sewall for relief from certain taxes on bank shares, which had been accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Consoli-
dation of
Eastern and
Boston and
Maine R. R.
Cos.

A bill to consolidate the Eastern Railroad Company and the Boston and Maine Railroad, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

The report of the committee of conference on the amendments to the bill authorizing the taking of land for the purposes of a state prison was accepted in concurrence. Land for a state prison.

The report of the committee of conference on the amendments to the bill concerning the compensation of the police commissioners, which in effect made the salary of each commissioner \$800 instead of \$500 per annum, was accepted in concurrence. Compensation of the police commissioners.

The report of the committee of conference on the amendments to the resolve in favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy recommended the adoption of an amendment providing that all colleges and schools shall have equal right to the enjoyment of the privileges of the institution, and that the Museum shall have realized during the current year a like sum from private donations before the \$25,000 is paid from the treasury. The report was accepted in concurrence. Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

The order offered by Mr. Bowker of Boston, giving the Sergeant-at-Arms authority to purchase a copy of the General Statutes and the supplements thereto, was amended on motion of Mr. Hill of Boston so that the price thereof should be deducted from the compensation of each member receiving a copy thereof; and it was then unanimously rejected. General Statutes for members of the Legislature.

Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, from the committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred the resolves in relation to the one hundredth anniversary of American independence, reported that the same ought to pass. The resolves were read and considered, and after debate were passed in concurrence. One hundredth anniversary of American Independence.

The orders of the day were taken up. Orders of the day.

The resolve in favor of the state prison inspectors was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to provide for the conveyance of Berkeley Street to the city of Boston was debated, several amendments were rejected, and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Railways (inexpedient) on the order relative to further legislation in regard to connecting railroads was considered. Mr. Nowell of Boston offered a bill as a substitute for the report providing that the provisions of section 1 of chapter 180 of the acts of 1872 shall not apply to any two railroad corporations,

each of which has a terminus in the city of Boston. The bill was rejected and the report was accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Holmes of Fall River, the bill to incorporate the Fall River Banking and Trust Company was amended by adding a new section providing that the provisions of this bill concerning reserve returns and taxation shall apply to all banking and trust companies with a capital stock chartered by this Commonwealth, and it was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The resolve relative to printing additional copies of the report of the Board of Agriculture was read and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve relative to the claim of Charles Burleigh was read and debated. An amendment offered by Mr. Benton of Brookline, in effect, that the Governor should report whatever award was made in the case to the next Legislature, was rejected by a vote of 37 to 66. When the question was first put upon this amendment a quorum did not vote. The Sergeant-at-Arms was instructed to bring in the absent members, the doors were closed, several motions to adjourn were lost, and finally enough members came in to make a quorum. The above resolve was then passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Nowell of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by which the House concurred with the Senate in accepting the report of the committee on Railways on the order relative to further legislation in regard to connecting railroads. Pending its consideration, on motion of Mr. Ely of Dedham, the House

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, June 3, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Punishment
of certain
crimes.

Notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate that the House bill in relation to the punishment of certain crimes had been rejected by that branch.

Agent for
discharged
convicts.

The report of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to abolishing the office of

agent for discharged convicts, which had been accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, from the committee on Railways, to whom was recommitted the order relative to grade crossings of railroads entering Boston from the north, reported a bill to provide for the discontinuance of the grade crossings of railroads in Somerville, Boston and Charlestown; which was read and ordered to a second reading. Grade crossings of railroads.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve for supplying breech-loading arms to the volunteer militia, reported that the resolve ought not to pass, and it was rejected. Breech-loading arms for the militia.

A motion made by Mr. Titus of Worcester to reconsider the vote by which the House passed to be engrossed the bill to provide for the conveyance of Berkeley Street to the city of Boston was debated and lost. Berkeley Street in Boston.

On motion of Mr. Ely of Dedham, the vote was reconsidered by which the resolve relative to the claim of Charles Burleigh was passed to be engrossed. After debate another resolve offered by Mr. Soule of Springfield was substituted therefor, and as amended the resolve was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. C. Burleigh.

Engrossed bills:

Bills passed.

To amend an act in relation to the capital stock of gas corporations;

In addition to an act making appropriations to meet certain expenses authorized the present year, and for other purposes;

Relating to the election of overseers of the poor in the city of Cambridge;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

To amend an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire and the better preservation of life and property in the city of Boston;

To authorize towns to appropriate money for headstones or other monuments at the graves of deceased soldiers and sailors;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed resolve, in favor of the Worcester lunatic hospital (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the House concurred with the Senate in accepting the report of the committee on Railways, on the order relative to further legislation in regard to connecting railroads, was carried.

Mr. Nowell of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to substitute therefor, the bill offered by him concerning connecting railroads. The motion was carried and the report was amended by substituting the bill therefor, and it was read and ordered to a second reading.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient, on the order relative to providing by law for refunding bank taxes illegally or twice collected, was accepted.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the administrator of the estate of Moses B. Sewall, for relief from certain taxes on bank shares, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

Relating to certiorari and mandamus ;

Concerning the arrest and discharge of poor debtors ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the consolidation of the Eastern Railroad Company and the Boston and Maine Railroad, was read and debated. Amendments offered by Mr. Soule of Springfield were adopted, and the bill was rejected by a vote of 68 to 84.

The resolve in favor of the state prison inspectors was read and debated, Mr. Clark of Newburyport offering an amendment that the amount to be paid to each be reduced from \$500 to \$300.

During the discussion the orders of the day were laid upon the table.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the town of Westport, for a bill to regulate the fishery of Cockeast Pond, reported a bill, which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report of the committee

on Insurance, in relation to the taxation of bank shares held by insurance companies, reported that the subject had been covered by the bill just enacted in relation to the taxation of bank shares and that no further legislation was necessary thereon. The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Benton of Brookline,—

Ordered, That the tax commissioner report in print to the next Legislature a statement of the classes and amount of assets or property held by business corporations which are not now subject to taxation under any general law of the Commonwealth, with such recommendations as the facts may require. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Jones of Boston, on leave, introduced a resolve to supply the 5th Light Battery, M. V. M. with a serviceable armament; which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs and sent up for concurrence.

The orders of the day were again taken from the table, the resolve concerning the state prison inspectors was again considered, but before a vote was reached, there being no quorum present, on motion of Mr. Sears of Barnstable, the House

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, June 4, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To authorize the raising of the grade of certain lands in the city of Boston for the purpose of preserving the public health in said city ;

Authorizing the taking of land for the purposes of a state prison ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Concerning the compensation of the police commissioners ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed resolve, in favor of the trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy (which originated in the Senate), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Boston,
Clinton and
Fitchburg
R.R. Co.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the bill to allow the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad Company to construct a branch railroad at Framingham, reported that the bill ought to pass with an amendment, and it was ordered to a second reading.

Small-pox
and conta-
gious dis-
eases.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to the spread of small-pox and other contagious diseases.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported that the Senate bill to prevent the spreading of contagious diseases ought not to pass. These reports were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Each ses-
sion a legis-
lative day.

On motion of Mr. Hanson of Peabody,—

Ordered, That hereafter each session be considered as a legislative day.

Eastern and
Boston and
Maine R. R.
Cos.

A motion made by Mr. Codman of Boston, that the vote be reconsidered by which the House rejected the bill to authorize the consolidation of the Eastern Railroad Company, and the Boston and Maine Railroad, was lost by a vote of 45 to 74.

Papers from the Senate.

Employ-
ment of
children.

Notice was received by the Speaker, from the Clerk of the Senate, that the House bill relating to the employment of children and regulations respecting them, had been rejected by that branch.

Neglected
and desti-
tute chil-
dren.

A bill for the protection of neglected and destitute children, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Defacement
of natural
scenery.

A bill to prevent the defacement of natural scenery, which had been passed to be engrossed by the Senate in concurrence in a new draft, came down and was referred to the same committee.

Fall River
water sup-
ply.

A bill in addition to an act for supplying the city of Fall River with pure water, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The report of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to abolishing the office of

agent for discharged convicts, was accepted in concurrence.

The amendment offered by Mr. Clark of Newburyport to the resolve in favor of the state prison inspectors was adopted, and the resolve was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to provide for the discontinuance of the grade crossings of railroads in Somerville, Boston and Charlestown was read, amended on motion of Mr. Hayes of Boston and ordered to a third reading.

The bill in relation to connecting railroads was read, amended on motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to regulate the fishery of Cockeast Pond, in the town of Westport, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill concerning the arrest and discharge of poor debtors, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Nowell of Boston, the House
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, June 5, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To authorize the town of Newton to aid the Newton Cemetery Corporation ;

Concerning the fees of town clerks for obtaining and recording the facts relating to deaths ;

In relation to oaths for the relief of poor debtors :

In relation to the compensation of auditors ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed resolve, to provide for the payment of expenses under the act to provide for establishing the boundary lines of the state prison lands (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Carruth of Chelsea, from the committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the resolve to supply the

Fifth Light
Battery.

Fifth Light Battery with a serviceable and safe armament, reported that it ought to pass in a new draft. The resolve was referred in course to the committee on Finance.

State tax.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill to apportion and assess a state tax of two million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars ; which was read twice and ordered to a third reading under a suspension of the rules.

District courts in this Commonwealth.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the order relative to dividing the state into judicial districts ; the order relative to the district court of Eastern Hampshire ; an order relative to juries and jurors of district courts ; the order relative to the fees received by justices of police, municipal and district courts ; the petition of George W. Norris and others for the establishment of a new court in Middlesex County ; the petition of Nahum Witherbee and others, for the establishment of a new district court in Western Middlesex, with sundry remonstrances against the same ; the petition of W. D. Northend and others, for the establishment of a new district court in Essex County, with petition of citizens of Danvers, praying to be joined to such district ; the bill for the establishment of a district court in Northern Worcester ; the bill to establish a police court in Brighton ; the bill to establish a district court in Central Middlesex ; the bill to establish a district court in Central Hampshire ; petition of J. C. Sullivan and 95 others, for the division of Plymouth County into judicial districts ; the petition of Stone and others for the establishment of a district court in Newburyport, with a remonstrance against the same ; the order relative to the appointment of an assistant clerk for the Central District Court of Worcester ; the petition of the justice of the First District Court of Northern Middlesex ; of George C. Comstock, clerk of the police court of Fitchburg, and of Isaac C. Ives, justice of the police court in Lee, severally for an increase of salary, reported a bill to establish district courts in the several counties of the Commonwealth.

The rule was suspended, requiring the bill to be referred to the committee on Finance, and it was ordered to a second reading.

Municipal court of Dorchester District.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, from the same committee, on the petition of Joseph R. Churchill, reported a bill to provide a clerk for the municipal court of the Dorchester dis-

trict of the city of Boston ; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Davis of Lawrence, on leave, introduced resolves in favor of Alfred Bradbury and Henry F. Hale ; which were referred to the committee on Military Affairs and sent up for concurrence.

Alfred
Bradbury &
Henry F.
Hale.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, reported that the Senate bill to provide for the investment of compensation funds for harbors of the Commonwealth, ought to pass with an amendment. The report and bill were placed in the orders for this afternoon.

Compensation funds
for harbors.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the special committee appointed to consider the order relative to alterations in the bill concerning the smelt fishery, presented a report stating that the bill was altered by the chairman of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, who read the same to the member of the committee on Fisheries who reported the bill and who did not object to the alterations. The committee thought the alterations should have been reported as amendments to the bill, but that they were not made with the intention of altering the sense of the bill. The report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Smelt fishery.

Papers from the Senate.

Notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate announcing that the House bills :

Regulating elections in the city of Boston ;

Boston election bill.
Commission on grade, streets, drainage, &c.

To provide for a commission on the subject of grades, streets, drainage and water supply for certain cities and towns ; and

Fire escapes.

To provide for suitable fire-escapes for manufacturing and mechanical establishments ;

Had severally been rejected by that branch.

A report of the committee on Prisons, on the order authorizing them to visit the various prisons in the state, which had been accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon.

Prisons.

A bill to authorize Thomas Gilbert to extend his wharf in Marblehead, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was referred to the committee on Harbors.

T. Gilbert.

The bill to give a right of action against owners of railroads to persons who perform labor or furnish materials in and for the construction of said roads, which had been

Right of action against owners of railroads in certain cases.

passed to be engrossed in concurrence, came down with four amendments. The House concurred in the first and non-concurred in the last three.

Fall River
Banking &
Trust Co.

The Senate having non-concurred with the House amendment to the bill to incorporate the Fall River Banking and Trust Company, which amendment provided that certain provisions of the bill should apply to all trust companies, the House receded from its amendment.

A motion made by Mr. Gleason of New Braintree to suspend the rule so that the vote by which the bill relating to trust companies was rejected, was lost.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient, on the order relative to the spread of small-pox and other contagious diseases, was accepted.

The Senate bill to prevent the spreading of contagious diseases, was rejected.

Bills :

In relation to connecting railroads ;

Relating to certiorari and mandamus ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to authorize the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad Company to build a branch railroad in Framingham, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to provide for the discontinuance of the grade crossings of railroads in Somerville, Boston and Charlestown, was read and amended on motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to regulate the fishery of Cockeast Pond, in the town of Westport, was read and debated, but had not been disposed of when the noon recess was taken.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Caroline L.
Osgood,
G. Osborn,
Jona. King,
Eben U.
King.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of Caroline L. Osgood, George Osborn, Jonathan King and Eben U. King, reported that the same ought not to pass.

Bank taxes
twice paid.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve for the repayment of bank taxes twice paid, reported that it ought not to pass.

Both reports were considered, and the resolves were severally rejected.

Mr. Patch of Boston, from the committee on Finance reported that the resolve to supply the Fifth Light Battery with a serviceable and safe armament, ought to pass and it was ordered to a second reading.

Fifth Light
Battery.

Mr. Chapin of Holyoke, from the same committee, reported asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill to provide a clerk for the municipal court of the Dorchester district of the city of Boston, and the report was accepted. The bill was ordered to a second reading.

Municipal
court of
Dorchester
District.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the same committee, reported that the resolve relative to painting the outside of the state house ought not to pass. The report and resolve were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Painting of
state house.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill in relation to divorce, the bill concerning divorce, the order relative to the remarriage of divorced persons, and the order relative to change in the law as to causes and proceedings for divorce, reported a bill to prevent frauds in procuring divorce and to amend the law in relation thereto; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Divorce.

Mr. Fletcher of Chelsea, from the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, reported a resolve in favor of Elihu S. Hawkes, which, under a suspension of the rules was considered, read twice and ordered to a third reading.

Elihu S.
Hawkes.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

The report of the committee on Prisons, on the order authorizing them to visit the various prisons in the state, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill to regulate the fishery of Cockeast Pond, in the town of Westport, was rejected by a vote of 36 to 66.

The bill to provide for the investment of compensation funds for harbors of the Commonwealth, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To apportion and assess a state tax of two million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars ;

To authorize the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad Company to build a branch railroad in Framingham ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to establish district courts in the several counties of the Commonwealth, was postponed until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Ladd of Sturbridge, the House Adjourned.

FRIDAY, June 6, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Bill passed. An engrossed bill, to amend the charter of the city of Cambridge (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

State Normal Art School.

A resolve assigning rooms for the State Normal Art School, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, and under a suspension of the rules was read and ordered to a second reading.

Right of action against owners of railroads in certain cases.

The Senate having insisted on its amendments to the bill to give a right of action against owners of railroads to persons who perform labor or furnish materials in and for the construction of said roads, the House insisted on its non-concurrence. Subsequently the bill was returned, the Senate having appointed a committee of conference. The House concurred therein, and Messrs. Soule of Springfield, Ely of Dedham, and Hammond of Cambridge were joined on the part of the House.

Hoosac Tunnel.

The bill authorizing the Governor and Council to expend \$200,000 in completing the Hoosac Tunnel and its approaches, and for other purposes, came down, the Senate having passed it to be engrossed in concurrence with an amendment making the amount appropriated \$500,000 instead of \$200,000.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston moved that the House concur with the Senate amendment with an amendment making the amount "one dollar."

Mr. Hayes of Boston moved that the House concur with the Senate amendment.

Mr. Bigelow's motion was lost by a vote of 50 to 104.

Mr. Hayes' motion was also lost by a vote of 80 to 95, and the House non-concurred. The House refused to order the yeas and nays on the question of concurrence.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to concur. The yeas and nays were ordered on the motion, the roll was called, and the motion was lost by a vote of 78 yeas to 109 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Francis R. Allen,
Walter B. Allen,
A. S. Atherton,
William Baker,
James M. Barker,
George Bartholmesz,
Elijah E. Belding,
Austin W. Benton,
Edward A. Berdige,
Hiram Berry,
Sanford W. Billings,
Peleg Blankinship,
William E. Blunt,
Dennis Bonner,
Franklin Bonney,
Bowman B. Breed,
Giles E. Brownell,
Jacob B. Calley,
Sumner Carruth,
George W. Clark,
John B. D. Cogswell,
George Copeland,
George G. Crocker,
Ben. C. Currier,
George J. Dean,
I. W. Derby,
Lewis J. Dudley,
Frederick D. Ely,
Alonzo H. Evans,
George O. Fairbanks,
Granville E. Foss,
William Frost,
John Gates,
Isaac D. Hall,
John W. Hammond,
Lewis Hayden,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Francis B. Hayes,
Benjamin Heath,

Messrs. Samuel W. Heath,
Lot Higgins,
Charles J. Holmes,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
Richard H. Humphrey,
E. Atherton Hunt,
Thomas Ingalls,
George P. Kendrick,
Lucius W. Knight,
Willard Lewis,
Albert Mason,
Samuel W. McDaniel,
Charles W. Morrill,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
Calvin T. Phillips,
Francis E. Porter,
Rodolphus Porter,
Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,
John Samson,
George P. Sanger,
Amos J. Saunders,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Robert Seaver,
Amos W. Shumway,
A. L. Soule,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Franklin H. Sprague,
William Stewart,
Thomas N. Stone,
William B. Stone,
Charles Talbot,
William Taylor,
William N. Walker,
Rodney Wallace,
Edward F. Watson,
William H. Whitfield,
Austin Whitney,
Henry W. Wilson,
Benjamin F. Wing.

NAYS.

Messrs. Wales Aldrich,
Andrew J. Bailey,

Messrs. George W. Bardwell,
John M. Batchelder,

Messrs. Ezekiel D. Bement,
Edward L. Bigelow,
John Bigelow,
William R. Black,
George B. Blake,
James W. Bradley,
Richard Britton,
William H. Buck,
Addison Burnett,
Henry Burt,
Adam Capen, Jr.,
Charles V. Carpenter,
Edward W. Chapin,
Charles R. Codman,
John S. Coney,
William H. Cook,
Robert Couch,
William A. Creesy,
Charles Crittenden,
Joseph W. Cross,
John Cummings,
John Cushing,
George E. Davis,
Joshua W. Davis,
William Dean,
Seymour B. Dewey,
Joseph Dyer,
Henderson J. Edwards,
C. C. Field,
Harrison O. Field,
John H. Fisher,
John E. Fitzgerald,
Daniel C. Fletcher,
John W. Fletcher,
H. M. French,
Kirke E. Gardner,
Addison Gilbert,
Charles A. Gleason,
Asa H. Goddard,
Stephen D. Goddard,
Brownell Granger,
Fitz E. Griffin,
Charles V. Hanson,
George H. Harlow,
Austin Hawley,
David P. Hatch,
Samuel S. Haynes,
Samuel E. Hildreth,
Amos Hill,
Henry B. Hill,

Messrs. Emory A. Howard,
David P. Howes,
Thomas P. Hurlbut,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Alexis W. Ide,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Jonathan Johnson,
Edward J. Jones,
Thomas M. Judd,
William R. Kentfield,
Charles R. Ladd,
Noah D. Ladd,
George A. Marden,
Elijah Marion,
David Mayhew,
Edward McCleave,
John B. Moore,
Thomas J. Morgan,
C. D. Morse,
Andrew M. Morton,
Lewis R. Norton,
John A. Nowell,
Edward O. Noyes,
Weaver Osborn,
John B. Parker,
John Perkins,
Charles Perley,
Willard P. Phillips,
William C. Plunkett,
George Purrington, Jr.,
Edward Sanford,
Joseph L. Sargent,
Augustus J. Sawyer,
John C. Scott,
Nathaniel Sears,
Nathan B. Seaver,
James B. Shaw,
John Shaw,
Henry C. Skinner,
Joshua B. Smith,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
Francis D. Stedman,
Joseph A. Titus,
Marcus Truesdell,
Q. A. Vinal,
Andrew J. Waters,
T. W. Wellington,
James L. White,
Tisdale S. White,
George H. Whitman,

Messrs. Robert R. Wiley,
Samuel Winslow.
Oliver Wolcott,

Messrs. Moses D. Woodbury;
Elijah N. Woods.

Yeas, 78 ; nays, 109.

Mr. Carruth of Chelsea, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported that the resolve in favor of Henry F. Hale ought to pass ; and that the resolve in favor of Alfred Bradbury ought to pass in a new draft. Both resolves were referred to the committee on Finance.

Henry F.
Hale.
Alfred
Bradbury.

Mr. Ely of Dedham, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported that the bill providing for the dissolution of mechanics' liens by bond ought not to pass.

Mechanics'
liens.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported that the Senate bill for the better protection of neglected and destitute children ought to pass with an amendment.

Neglected
and desti-
tute chil-
dren.

Mr. Soule of Springfield, from the same committee, reported that the Senate bill to prevent frauds at elections in cities ought not to pass.

Frauds at
elections in
cities.

These reports and bills were placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon.

Mr. McDaniel of Cambridge, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, reported that the bill in addition to an act for supplying the city of Fall River with pure water ought to pass, and it was ordered to a second reading.

Fall River
water sup-
ply.

Mr. Codman of Boston, under a suspension of the 19th joint rule, introduced on leave a bill to authorize the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Corporation to mortgage its property ; which was read twice under a suspension of the rules and ordered to a third reading.

Boston,
Barre and
Gardner
R.R. Corpo-
ration.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of
the day.

The bill to prevent the defacement of natural scenery was read and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve in favor of Elihu S. Hawkes was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to provide for the investment of compensation funds for harbors of the Commonwealth was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Papers from the Senate.

Mass. Agri-
cultural
College.

The report of the committee on Agriculture (that no further legislation is necessary) on the annual report of the trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, came down and was accepted in concurrence.

Smelt fish-
ery.

The bill in relation to the smelt fishery came down again, the Senate having non-concurred in a House amendment. The House voted to insist on its amendment.

Henry F.
Hale and
Alfred
Bradbury.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the vote was reconsidered by which the resolves in favor of Henry F. Hale and Alfred Bradbury were referred to the committee on Finance; the question of reference was negatived and the resolves were ordered to a second reading.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The resolve relative to painting the outside of the state house; and the

Bills:

Providing for the dissolution of mechanics' liens by bond;

To prevent fraud at elections in cities;

Were severally rejected.

Resolves:

Assigning rooms for the State Normal Art School;

To supply the Fifth Light Battery with a safe and serviceable armament;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To provide a clerk for the municipal court of the Dorchester district of the city of Boston;

In addition to an act for supplying the city of Fall River with pure water;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill for the better protection of neglected and destitute children was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Corporation to mortgage its property was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to prevent the defacement of natural scenery was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to establish district courts in the several counties

of the Commonwealth was debated; numerous amendments were rejected, several offered by Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth were adopted, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Blake of Milford moved to amend the bill to prevent frauds in procuring divorce, and to amend the law in relation thereto by adding thereto another bill relating to the same subject, and on his motion the matter was postponed until to-morrow, and his proposed amendment ordered to be printed.

Engrossed resolves :

Resolves
passed.

To authorize the transfer of certain books and papers to the State of Maine ;

Relative to printing additional copies of the report of the State Board of Agriculture ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed bill, to authorize the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Corporation to mortgage its property (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate. Bill passed.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, June 7, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Bowker of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House rejected the Senate bill to prevent fraud at elections in cities, and the motion was carried by a vote of 84 to 21. Fraud at
elections in
cities.

The rules were suspended and the bill was considered. An amendment offered by Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston was adopted, other amendments were rejected, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Sears of Barnstable asked leave to introduce a bill fixing the compensation of members of the Legislature at \$6 per day, with \$1 for every five miles travel once in each session from his place of abode to the place of the sitting of the General Court. Compensation of
members.

After discussion Mr. Sargent of Lowell called for the yeas and nays. They were ordered, the roll was called,

and leave to introduce was refused by a vote of 18 yeas to 146 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William R. Black,	Messrs. Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
Dennis Bonner,	David P. Howes;
James W. Bradley,	William R. Kentfield,
Addison Burnett,	Lucius W. Knight,
Henry Burt,	Albert Mason,
Sumner Carruth,	Charles Perley,
William H. Cook,	Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,
Joshua W. Davis,	Nathaniel Sears,
Henderson J. Edwards,	Nathan B. Seaver.

NAYS.

Messrs. Francis R. Allen,	Messrs. William A. Creesy,
A. S. Atherton,	Charles Crittenden,
Horace C. Bacon,	George G. Crocker,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Daniel A. Cronin,
Nahum Bailey, Jr.,	John Cummings,
James M. Barker,	George E. Davis,
George Bartholmesz,	George J. Dean,
Elijah E. Belding,	Lewis J. Dudley,
Ezekiel D. Bement,	Joseph Dyer,
Austin W. Benton,	Frederick D. Ely,
Edward A. Berdge,	Alonzo H. Evans,
Hiram Berry,	George O. Fairbanks,
Edward L. Bigelow,	John H. Fisher,
John Bigelow,	John E. Fitzgerald,
Sanford W. Billings,	Daniel C. Fletcher,
George B. Blake,	Granville E. Foss,
Peleg Blankinship,	William Frost,
William E. Blunt,	John Gates,
Franklin Bonney,	Addison Gilbert,
Bowman B. Breed,	Asa H. Goddard,
Richard F. Briggs,	Stephen D. Goddard,
Richard Britton,	A. J. Gove,
Giles E. Brownell,	Brownell Granger,
Moses L. Buck,	Fitz E. Griffin,
William H. Buck,	Isaac D. Hall,
Jacob B. Calley,	John W. Hammond,
Adam Capen, Jr.,	Simeon Hardy,
Charles V. Carpenter,	George H. Harlow,
Henry B. Chamberlin,	Austin Hawley,
Edward W. Chapin,	David P. Hatch,
Charles R. Codman,	Lewis Hayden,
John B. D. Cogswell,	Benjamin F. Hayes,
John S. Coney,	Francis B. Hayes,
Robert Couch,	Samuel S. Haynes,

Messrs. Samuel W. Heath,
 Lot Higgins,
 Henry B. Hill,
 John W. Hollis,
 Charles J. Holmes,
 Samuel B. Hopkins,
 E. Atherton Hunt,
 Thomas P. Hurlbut,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Alexis W. Ide,
 Thomas Ingalls,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 Edward J. Jones,
 Jesse E. Keith,
 Noah D. Ladd,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 Willard Lewis,
 George A. Marden,
 Edward McCleave,
 Samuel W. McDaniel,
 John B. Moore,
 C. D. Morse,
 Andrew M. Morton,
 Lewis R. Norton,
 John A. Nowell,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Hiram Packard,
 John B. Parker,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 John Perkins,
 Calvin T. Phillips,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 William C. Plunkett,
 Francis E. Porter,
 Rodolphus Porter,
 George Purrington, Jr.,
 J. Henry Read,

Messrs. William Roberts,
 Philip H. Robinson,
 John Samson,
 Edward Sanford,
 George J. Sanger,
 George P. Sanger,
 Joseph L. Sargent,
 Amos J. Saunders,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 Augustus J. Sawyer,
 John C. Scott,
 Robert Seaver,
 John Shaw,
 Amos W. Shumway,
 Henry C. Skinner,
 James Smith,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 A. L. Soule,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 William Stewart,
 Thomas N. Stone,
 William B. Stone,
 John H. Studley,
 Andrew H. Sweet,
 Charles Talbot,
 James G. Tarr,
 Q. A. Vinal,
 William N. Walker,
 Rodney Wallace,
 Andrew J. Waters,
 T. W. Wellington,
 Tisdale S. White,
 William H. Whitfield,
 Austin Whitney,
 Benjamin F. Wing,
 Ezra D. Winslow,
 Samuel Winslow,
 Moses D. Woodbury.

Yeas, 18 ; nays, 146.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the bill to establish district courts in the several counties of the Commonwealth was discharged from the orders of the day, read and considered. Amendments offered by Mr. Cogswell and by Mr. Harlow of Shrewsbury were adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

District
courts.

Papers from the Senate.

M. H. Severance, J. Willard Rice, Jubal Howe and Jesse Tirrell.

The reports of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the several petitions of M. H. Severance, J. Willard Rice, Jubal Howe, and Jesse Tirrell, for the refunding of bank taxes twice paid, were severally accepted in concurrence.

State prison inspectors.

Notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate that that branch had rejected the House resolve in favor of the state prison inspectors.

Second Congregational Society of Marblehead.

A bill to allow the Second Congregational Society in Marblehead to purchase and hold real estate, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, and under a suspension of the rules was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Certiorari and mandamus.

The bill relating to certiorari and mandamus, which had been passed to be engrossed in concurrence, came down with an amendment, in which the House concurred.

Eastern R. R. Co.

A bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to construct a freight track and take freight lands in Charlestown, and for other purposes, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills :

Leonard Brightman.

To authorize Leonard Brightman to construct a wharf in Fall River ;

Harbor lines in Gloucester Harbor.

To authorize a change in the harbor lines in Gloucester Harbor ;

Which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were referred to the committee on Harbors. Subsequently, Mr. Hayes of Boston from the committee reported, that they ought to pass in a new draft, and they were read and ordered to a second reading.

Taxation of incomes.

The report of the conference committee on the bill relating to the taxation of incomes came down and was accepted in concurrence. The report in effect exempted all incomes of and less than \$2,000 from taxation.

Springfield Banking & Trust Co.

A bill to incorporate the Springfield Banking and Trust Company, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Smelt fishery.

The bill relating to the smelt fishery came down, the Senate having appointed a committee of conference. The House concurred therein, and Messrs. Barker of Pittsfield,

Parker of New Bedford and Mayhew of Tisbury were joined on the part of the House.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To prevent the defacement of natural scenery ;

To provide for the conveyance of Berkeley Street to the city of Boston ;

To authorize the Governor and Council to expend \$200,000 in completing the Hoosac Tunnel and its approaches, and for other purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To incorporate the Fall River Banking and Trust Company ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, June 9, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Nowell of Boston, under a suspension of the 19th joint rule, on leave, introduced a bill to amend chapters 290, 303 and 314 of the acts of 1873, which was sent up for concurrence in the suspension of the rule.

Annexation bill.

Mr. Talbot of Dighton, from the committee on Claims, reported leave to withdraw on the several petitions of John Worster, E. B. Ball, Edward C. Austin, William Braydon, J. Franklin Fuller, D. W. Salisbury and William H. Dutton for refunding of bank taxes twice paid, and the report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bank taxes twice paid.

Papers from the Senate.

The reports of the committee on Claims (leave to withdraw) on the several petitions of Susan T. Chandler, Ira Litchfield, George G. Tarbell and Rachel Blanchard for refunding of bank taxes twice paid, were severally accepted in concurrence.

Do.

The report of the committee on Banks and Banking, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the order relative to the treasurer of a savings bank holding the position of cashier of a bank of discount, came down and was accepted in concurrence.

Treasurers of savings banks and cashiers of banks of discount.

Salaries of
state offi-
cers.

A bill relating to the salaries of certain state officers, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Right of ac-
tion against
railroads in
certain
cases.

The report of the committee of conference on the amendments to the bill to give a right of action against owners of railroads to persons who perform labor or furnish materials in and for the construction of said roads, came down and was accepted in concurrence.

Bill passed.

An engrossed bill to provide for the investment of compensation funds for harbors of the Commonwealth (which originated in the Senate), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve
passed.

An engrossed resolve to reimburse the treasury of Dukes County (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The bill to prevent frauds in procuring divorce, and to amend the law in relation thereto, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth and Mr. Hurlbut of Sudbury, and ordered to a third reading.

The resolves in favor of Alfred Bradbury and Henry F. Hale; and the

Bill to authorize Leonard Brightman to construct a wharf in Fall River;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading, and subsequently, under a suspension of the rules, they were severally passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to authorize a change in the harbor lines in Gloucester harbor was read, ordered to a third reading, and, under a suspension of the rules was passed to be engrossed in concurrence in a new draft.

The bill to provide a clerk for the municipal court of the Dorchester district of the city of Boston; and the

Resolve to supply the Fifth Light Battery with a safe and serviceable armament;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The resolve assigning rooms for the State Normal Art School; and the

Bills:

For the better protection of neglected and destitute children;

In addition to an act for supplying the city of Fall River with pure water ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to construct a freight track and take freight lands in Charlestown, and for other purposes, was read and considered. Amendments offered by Mr. Codman of Boston and Mr. Hayes of Boston were adopted, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The bill to prevent frauds at elections in cities was read, amendments were offered by Mr. Soule of Springfield and Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, and the bill was postponed until to-morrow.

The bill to incorporate the Springfield Banking and Trust Company was read and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Scott of Blackstone, the House Adjourned.

TUESDAY, June 10, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Paper from the Senate.

A resolve relative to the claim of Charles Burleigh (the same being the House resolve in a new draft), which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was referred to the committee on Finance. C. Burleigh.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To provide for the discontinuance of grade crossings on railroads ;

Relating to certiorari and mandamus ;

To give a right of action against owners of railroads to persons who perform labor or furnish materials in and for the construction of said roads ;

Concerning the arrest and discharge of poor debtors ;

In relation to connecting railroads ;

Relating to the taxation of incomes ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

In addition to an act for supplying the city of Fall River with pure water ;

To authorize the Second Congregational Society in Marblehead to purchase and hold real estate ;

To authorize the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad Company to construct a branch railroad in Framingham ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves
passed.

Engrossed resolves :

In favor of Elihu S. Hawks (which originated in the House of Representatives) ;

Assigning rooms for the State Normal Art School (which originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Divorce.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the bill to prevent frauds in procuring divorce, and to amend the law in relation thereto, was discharged from the orders of the day, amended on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Annexation
bills.

On motion of Mr. Nowell of Boston, the bill to amend chapters 290, 303 and 314 of the acts of the year 1873, was discharged from the orders of the day, read and passed to be engrossed, the title being amended so as to read "a bill to amend the several acts of the present year for the annexation of West Roxbury, Brookline and Brighton to the city of Boston." The bill was sent up for concurrence.

Orders of
the day.

The orders of the day were then taken up.

The bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to construct a freight track and take freight lands in Charlestown, and for other purposes, was read and amended on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill relating to the salaries of certain state officers was read and debated until the hour arrived for the usual noon recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Charles
Burleigh.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the committee on Finance, reported that the Senate resolve in favor of Charles Burleigh ought not to pass, and it was rejected. Mr. White of Plymouth moved a reconsideration of the vote, and after debate the motion was lost.

Papers from the Senate.

The report of the committee on Harbors (that no further legislation is necessary) on the annual report of the Harbor Commissioners, came down and was accepted in concurrence. Report of harbor commissioners.

The report of the committee on the State House, that the order providing that the rooms of the insurance department when vacated shall be used for legislative committees came down, and the report was accepted and the order adopted in concurrence. Committee rooms.

The report of the committee of conference on the difference between the two branches on the bill relating to the smelt fishery, that they were unable to agree and asking to be discharged, came down and was accepted in concurrence. The House also concurred in a new committee of conference, and Messrs. Codman of Boston, Sears of Barnstable and Talbot of Dighton were joined on the part of the House. Smelt fishery.

The orders of the day were taken up. Orders of the day.

The bill relating to the salaries of certain state officers was further considered. Amendments striking out the section providing that the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor shall receive \$3,000 per annum, fixing the salary of the clerk of the Board of Agriculture at \$1,200 per annum, and also making certain verbal changes in the bill, having been adopted, the bill was ordered to a third reading. Subsequently, under a suspension of the rule, the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to prevent frauds at elections in cities was read and amended, and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Springfield Banking and Trust Company was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield the vote was reconsidered by which the House passed to be engrossed the bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to construct a freight track and take freight lands in Charlestown, and for other purposes. The bill was amended and sent up for concurrence, the Clerk conveying a message to the Senate stating the action of the House.

Mr. Holmes of Bridgewater asked leave to introduce a bill fixing the compensation of members of the Legislature at \$750 for the session, and repealing chapter 190 of the

acts of the year 1871. When the vote was taken 64 gentlemen voted in the affirmative and 55 in the negative. Mr. Sprague of Framingham called for the yeas and nays, they were ordered, the roll was called, and leave to introduce the bill was refused by a vote of 56 yeas to 76 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Wales Aldrich,	Messrs. Samuel B. Hopkins,
Francis R. Allen,	Emory A. Howard,
John M. Batchelder,	David P. Howes,
Ezekiel D. Bement,	Richard H. Humphrey,
William R. Black,	Alexis W. Ide,
George B. Blake,	Thomas Ingalls,
Dennis Bonner,	Jonathan Johnson,
Horace L. Bowker,	Edward J. Jones,
James W. Bradley,	William R. Kentfield,
Giles E. Brownell,	Lucius W. Knight,
William H. Buck,	Almond R. Lancaster,
Addison Burnett,	David Mayhew,
Henry Burt,	John A. Nowell,
Sumner Carruth,	J. Winslow Peirce,
Henry B. Chamberlin,	Charles Perley,
William H. Cook,	William C. Plunkett,
Charles Crittenden,	Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,
William F. Darby,	Roger H. Scannell,
Joshua W. Davis,	John C. Scott,
Henderson J. Edwards,	Nathaniel Sears,
Harrison O. Field,	Henry P. Shattuck,
John E. Fitzgerald,	John Shaw,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,	Thomas N. Stone,
H. M. French,	Andrew H. Sweet,
Kirke E. Gardner,	William Taylor,
Austin Hawley,	Tisdale S. White,
Benjamin Heath,	Austin Whitney,
Lewis Holmes,	Moses D. Woodbury.

NAYS.

Messrs. Walter B. Allen,	Messrs. William E. Blunt,
A. S. Atherton,	Franklin Bonney,
Horace C. Bacon,	Bowman B. Breed,
James M. Barker,	Richard Britton,
George Bartholmesz,	Jacob B. Calley,
Elijah E. Belding,	Francis W. Clark,
Austin W. Benton,	Charles R. Codman,
Hiram Berry,	John B. D. Cogswell,
Edward L. Bigelow,	George G. Crocker,
John Bigelow,	George E. Davis,
Sanford W. Billings,	George J. Dean,

<p>Messrs. Seymour B. Dewey, Lewis J. Dudley, Frederick D. Ely, Alonzo H. Evans, George O. Fairbanks, C. C. Field, John H. Fisher, Eustace C. Fitz, Daniel C. Fletcher, William Frost, Addison Gilbert, Charles A. Gleason, Asa H. Goddard, Stephen D. Goddard, Simeon Hardy, David P. Hatch, Benjamin F. Hayes, Francis B. Hayes, Lot Higgins, Henry B. Hill, John W. Hollis, Thomas P. Hurlbut, Richardson Hutchinson, Nathan S. Jenkins, George P. Kendrick, Charles R. Ladd, Willard Lewis,</p>	<p>Messrs. George A. Marden, Edward McCleave, Thomas J. Morgan, Andrew M. Morton, Lewis R. Norton, Hiram Packard, Albert Palmer, William C. Parker, Jr., John Perkins, Calvin T. Phillips, Willard P. Phillips, William Roberts, Philip H. Robinson, George P. Sanger, Joseph L. Sargent, Isaac F. Sawtelle, Amos W. Shumway, Franklin H. Sprague, Francis D. Stedman, William Stewart, John H. Studley, Q. A. Vinal, Edward F. Watson, William H. Whitfield, George H. Whitman, Benjamin F. Wing, Elijah N. Woods.</p>
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Yeas, 56 ; nays, 76.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To apportion and assess a state tax of \$2,225,000 ;

To amend the several acts of the present year for the annexation of West Roxbury, Brookline and Brighton to the city of Boston ;

To provide a clerk for the municipal court of the Dorchester district of the city of Boston ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To authorize Leonard Brightman to construct a wharf in Fall River ;

To authorize a change of harbor lines in Gloucester Harbor,

For the better protection of neglected and destitute children ;

To authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to construct a freight track and take freight lands in Charlestown, and for other purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves
passed.

Engrossed resolves :

In favor of Alfred Bradbury ;

In favor of Henry F. Hale ;

To supply the Fifth Light Battery with a safe and serviceable armament ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Building in
Pemberton
Square.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, on leave, introduced a resolve to authorize certain expenditures in connection with the building in Pemberton Square, leased by the State, which, under a suspension of the rules, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Assistant
messenger
of the Gov.
ernor and
Council.

The same gentleman also asked leave to introduce a resolve providing additional compensation for the assistant messenger of the Governor and Council, but a vote showing that less than a quorum of the members were present, on motion of Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, the House

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, June 11, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Marden of Lowell,—

Pay-roll of
members.

Ordered, That the committee on Pay Roll make up the pay roll of the members of the House.

Papers from the Senate.

Salaries of
certain state
officers.

The bill relating to the salaries of certain state officers came down from the Senate, that branch having non-concurred in the House amendment striking out the provision that the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor shall receive \$3,000 per annum. The House refused to recede by a vote 47 to 91, and insisted on its amendment. Subsequently the Senate asked for a committee of conference, and Messrs. Berdge of Lynn, Blake of Milford and Bowker of Boston were joined on the part of the House.

Watchmen
of the state
house.

A bill to establish the salary of the watchmen of the state house, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from that committee, subsequently reported that it ought to pass with an amendment, providing that the watchmen shall perform the duties of messengers to the Treasurer, Auditor and Insurance Commissioner. The amendment was adopted, and under a suspension of the rules the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

A bill to provide for two additional masters in chancery for the county of Suffolk, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, and, under a suspension of the rules, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Masters in
chancery in
Suffolk
County.

The report of the committee of conference on the bill concerning the smelt fishery, that the House should recede from its amendment, came down and was accepted in concurrence.

Smelt-fish-
ery.

A bill providing compensation for the Private Secretary of the Governor and the Assistant Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was considered. Mr. Codman of Boston raised the point of order that it was a money bill and could not properly originate in the Senate. The Speaker decided that the point was well taken. Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, an order was adopted instructing the committee on Finance to report a bill fixing the salaries of those officers.

Private sec-
retary of the
Governor
and assis-
tant clerks
of the Sen-
ate and
House.

A bill in addition to an act relating to the fire department of the city of Boston, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Fire depart-
ment of Bos-
ton.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, on leave, introduced a bill giving additional compensation to the Assistant Messenger of the Governor and Council, and on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth the bill was referred to the committee on Finance with instructions to report a bill fixing the salary of said assistant messenger.

Assistant
messenger
of Governor
and Coun-
cil.

The resolve to authorize certain expenditures in connection with the building in Pemberton Square, leased by the state was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Building in
Pemberton
Square.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To prevent frauds in procuring divorce, and to amend

the law in relation thereto (which originated in the House of Representatives) ;

To incorporate the Springfield Banking and Trust Company (which originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Compensation of members.

Mr. Sears of Barnstable moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House refused leave to introduce the bill fixing the compensation of members of the Legislature. The yeas and nays were ordered on motion of Mr. Fisher of Franklin, the roll was called, and the motion was lost by a vote of 75 yeas to 113 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs.	Yeas.	Messrs.	Nays.
Wales Aldrich,		Benjamin Heath,	
Francis R. Allen,		Samuel W. Heath,	
John M. Batchelder,		Lot Higgins,	
Ezekiel D. Bement,		Samuel E. Hildreth,	
William R. Black,		Amos Hill,	
George B. Blake,		Lewis Holmes,	
Peleg Blankinship,		Emory A. Heward,	
Dennis Bonner,		David P. Howes,	
Horace L. Bowker,		Richard H. Humphrey,	
Giles E. Brownell,		E. Atherton Hunt,	
Addison Burnett,		Jonathan Johnson,	
Henry Burt,		Edward J. Jones,	
Sumner Carruth,		Thomas M. Judd,	
Charles V. Carpenter,		William R. Kentfield,	
Henry B. Chamberlin,		Lucius W. Knight,	
George W. Clark,		Noah D. Ladd,	
William H. Cook,		Almond R. Lancaster,	
Robert Couch,		Elijah Marion,	
Charles Crittenden,		Albert Mason,	
Joseph W. Cross,		John A. Nowell,	
William F. Darby,		Hiram Packard,	
Joshua W. Davis,		Charles Perley,	
William Dean,		Francis E. Porter,	
I. W. Derby,		Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,	
Henderson J. Edwards,		John C. Scott,	
Harrison O. Field,		Nathaniel Sears,	
John E. Fitzgerald,		Nathan B. Seaver,	
H. M. French,		John Shaw,	
Kirke E. Gardner,		Henry C. Skinner,	
John Gates,		Zoeth Snow, Jr.,	
Isaac D. Hall,		Reuben G. Sparks,	
Austin Hawley,		Thomas N. Stone,	
Lewis Hayden,		William B. Stone,	

Messrs. Andrew H. Sweet,
James G. Tarr,
William Taylor,
Hugh J. Toland,
T. W. Wellington,

Messrs. James L. White,
Tisdale S. White,
Oliver Walcott,
Moses D. Woodbury.

NAYS.

Messrs. Walter B. Allen,
A. S. Atherton,
Horace C. Bacon,
Nahum Bailey, Jr.,
William Baker,
James M. Barker,
George Bartholmesz,
Elijah E. Belding,
Austin W. Benton,
Edward A. Berdge,
Hiram Berry,
Edward L. Bigelow,
John Bigelow,
Sanford W. Billings,
William E. Blunt,
Franklin Bonney,
Bowman B. Breed,
Richard F. Briggs,
Richard Britton,
Moses L. Buck,
Jacob B. Calley,
Adam Capen, Jr.,
Edward W. Chapin,
Francis W. Clark,
Charles R. Codman,
John B. D. Cogswell,
John S. Coney,
George Copeland,
George G. Crocker,
Ben. C. Currier,
George E. Davis,
George J. Dean,
Seymour B. Dewey,
Lewis J. Dudley,
Joseph Dyer,
Frederick D. Ely,
Alonzo H. Evans,
George O. Fairbanks,
C. C. Field,
John H. Fisher,
Eustace C. Fitz,
Daniel C. Fletcher,
Granville E. Foss,

Messrs. William Frost,
Addison Gilbert,
Charles A. Gleason,
Asa H. Goddard,
Stephen D. Goddard,
A. J. Gove,
Fitz E. Griffin,
Simeon Hardy,
George H. Harlow,
David P. Hatch,
Francis B. Hayes,
Samuel S. Haynes,
Henry B. Hill,
John W. Hollis,
Thomas P. Hurlbut,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Alexis W. Ide,
Thomas Ingalls,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
George P. Kendrick,
Charles R. Ladd,
Willard Lewis,
George A. Marden,
Edward McCleave,
Samuel W. McDaniel,
John B. Moore,
Thomas J. Morgan,
Asa P. Morse,
C. D. Morse,
Andrew M. Morton,
Lewis R. Norton,
Weaver Osborn,
Liberty D. Packard,
Albert Palmer,
John B. Parker,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
John Perkins,
Calvin T. Phillips,
Willard P. Phillips,
William C. Plunkett,
Rodolphus Porter,
George Purrington, Jr.,
William Roberts,

Messrs. Philip H. Robinson,	Messrs. Francis D. Stedman,
John Samson,	William Stewart,
George J. Sanger,	John H. Studley,
George P. Sanger,	Charles Talbot,
Joseph L. Sargent,	Q. A. Vinal,
Amos J. Saunders,	Edward F. Watson,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,	William H. Whitfield,
Augustus J. Sawyer,	George H. Whitman,
James B. Shaw,	Robert R. Wiley,
Amos W. Shumway,	Benjamin F. Wing,
James Smith,	Ezra D. Winslow,
Joshua B. Smith,	Samuel Winslow,
Franklin H. Sprague,	Elijah N. Woods.
Oliver M. Stacey,	

Yeas, 75 ; nays, 113.

On motion of Mr. Breed of Lynn the House adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Boston fire
depart-
ment.

Mr. Sanger of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported that the bill in addition to an act relating to the fire department of the city of Boston ought to pass in a new draft. Under a suspension of the rules the bill took its several readings and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence in the new draft.

Thanks to
Speaker.

Mr. Codman of Boston being in the chair, Mr. Bacon of Lawrence offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of the House be tendered to the Hon. JOHN E. SANFORD for the able, impartial and acceptable manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this body, and the assurance also that, mindful of the arduous duties of his official position, the House has recognized his uniform courtesy to every member and the skill and energy with which he has despatched the business of the session ; and now that the hour of parting and the severance of our official relations draws near, we would join with our congratulations assurances of high regard and the hope that the future may bear for him the fruits of duties well done and every prosperity and blessing which should accompany a good and faithful public servant in his passage through life.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The Speaker resumed the chair, and spoke as follows :—

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives.:—I receive your parting tribute with a pleasure and gratitude deeper than I can well express. Nor would I disguise the pride I may justly feel, that you are pleased to place upon your records so warm a testimonial of your approval.

However much your generous judgment has over-estimated my success, this resolution, you will allow me to say, does no more than justice to my intentions and aims. I have endeavored to discharge my office justly and impartially, and with fidelity to the high trusts which we have together assumed. As I have watched the course of debate, and have seen the earnest differences of opinion which have sometimes divided you, I could not be an indifferent, nor always a silent spectator. But I have striven not to be turned from my duty as your presiding officer, by private judgment or sympathy. If I have failed in these or other respects toward any of you, I ask, before we separate, your charity and forgetfulness.

From the first day of the session, when you called me with so much unanimity to this position, I have received from each and all of you, only abundant courtesy and kindness. I cannot recall an instance in which there has been wanting a cheerful deference to the wishes and decisions of the Chair. Your indulgence and support have made my task an easy and delightful one. I give you one and all my heartfelt thanks.

Nor would I fail to express my obligations to our efficient Clerk for his prompt and cheerful assistance. I congratulate him on the aptness which he has shown for his new position, and the success and satisfaction to all with which he has performed its important duties.

To the Sergeant-at-Arms, whose skill and urbanity are never at fault, and to his courteous assistants, I would also make our common acknowledgments for their assiduous labors in our behalf.

None will rejoice more than you, gentlemen, that our session hastens to its close. Many of you have attended upon its duties with personal inconvenience and sacrifice, and its wearisome prolongation has brought to none of us pecuniary gain. The question which has most engaged your attention, in view of the early completion of a public work of great magnitude and cost, the Hoosac Tunnel, though delaying adjournment several weeks, has not received its final solution at your hands ; but your long and

patient investigation is not to be regarded as fruitless and wasted.

The service of legislators is held by some in light esteem, and the General Court is made the target for wit and sarcasm. It is easy to criticise; but with all its deficiencies and failures, they who know most of the Legislature of Massachusetts will most respect its average character, intelligence and wisdom, and be most ready to accord to it the praise of having done its part toward our material prosperity and moral pre-eminence.

But I cannot attempt to shield our Legislature from the criticism which it most invites and deserves. I refer to the length of its sessions. Long sessions are odious to the people. There is relief when legislation stops, and if the intervals of cessation were longer the relief would be greater still. Permit me again to suggest where, as I conceive, the remedy lies.

Our methods of legislation are traditional, sanctioned by long usage, and permitted by a constitution framed ninety years ago. Massachusetts was then a community of some 300,000 people, of simple tastes and employments. Boston was a town of some 15,000 inhabitants. Our modern civilization, with all its demands for legislation, was almost wholly unknown. Our railroad and other business corporations, so numerous and exacting of attention, are all of later growth.

It was easy for the Legislature in 1780 to provide for the wants and remedy the grievances of the people, in detail, by special laws. It is a very different matter now; and it is in the attempt to do it that our failure lies. You know through what a mass of special applications, private and corporate and municipal, we have struggled the present year. We have passed over 400 acts and resolves. Two-thirds of them, to say nothing of rejected petitions, are of only local and special application and not laws for the people at large. I mean no censure in saying this. It is with the system that I find fault.

Occasional relief is found by the enactment of general laws, but we depart from the beaten track with reluctance and difficulty. We have as yet experienced comparatively little of the corrupting tendencies of special legislation. Other States are prohibiting it by stringent constitutional provisions, and by this and other means are effectively limiting their legislatures to sessions of moderate length. I come reluctantly to the conclusion that a reform so radi-

cal and so desirable for the people and the Legislature itself, will probably be reached only by similar measures here.

Standing in some sense apart from your work, gentlemen, I may commend the wisdom and honesty of purpose which you have brought to the public service. No higher praise can be bestowed on this House than that it has been able to deal with such questions as have come before it, drawing into close contact with powerful moneyed interests, without the reproach or suspicion of corrupting influence attaching to any of its members. Judged by what we have done, as well as what we have refrained from doing, I trust it will be found that the Commonwealth has received no detriment, but rather some advantage, at our hands.

And now, gentlemen, as we dissolve these pleasant relations, none of us will carry away a feeling of personal grief or unkindness. If there has been aught of momentary excitement, all will be forgotten here. By the blessing of a kind Providence we come to the close of our session with ranks unbroken by death. I shall bear away with me the lasting and grateful remembrance of the obligations under which you have placed me. And as you go to your homes, I send with you my ardent and heartfelt wishes for your future happiness and prosperity.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That we offer the acknowledgments of the House to its Clerk and Sergeant-at-Arms and their several assistants, for the very courteous, able and faithful manner in which they have performed their official duties during the present session of the Legislature.

Mr. Phillips of Salem reported a bill to establish the salaries of certain officers (embracing the Governor's Private Secretary and Assistant Messenger and the Assistant Clerks of the two branches); which, under a suspension of the rules, took its several readings, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Salaries of
certain offi-
cers.

Engrossed bills:

Bills passed.

To provide for two additional masters in chancery for the county of Suffolk;

In addition to an act in relation to the smelt fishery;
(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

*Papers from the Senate.*District
courts.

The bill to establish district courts in the several counties of the Commonwealth, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down with a long list of amendments. On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth the House non-concurred in the amendments and asked for a committee of conference, Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Sanger of Cambridge and Bacon of Lawrence being appointed on its part. Sent up for concurrence.

Probate
court in Suffolk County.

A bill fixing the time and place of holding the probate court in the county of Suffolk, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, and, under a suspension of the rules, took its several readings, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Salary bill.

The report of the committee of conference on the Senate bill concerning the salary of the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, that they were unable to agree and asking to be discharged, came down from the Senate, and was accepted in concurrence. A second committee of conference was also appointed in concurrence, Messrs. Blunt of Haverhill, McDaniel of Cambridge and Sawtelle of New Bedford, being joined on the part of the House.

Fraud at
elections in cities.

The bill to prevent frauds at elections in cities came down, the Senate having non-concurred in three of the House amendments. The House receded from the first, and on the second, which proposed to strike out the provision that the supervisors of elections shall be of different political parties, there was a long debate. When a vote was reached it was found that a quorum of the members were not present, and, on motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown the House

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, June 12, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Stedman of Boston offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :—

Thanks to
Chaplain.

Resolved, That the House tenders to its Chaplain, Rev. R. G. Seymour, its thanks for the acceptable and appropriate manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office during the session, and its kind wishes for his future happiness and success.

Mr. Howes of Dennis, from the committee on the Pay Roll, reported an order providing that the sum of \$180,-653.37 be paid to the members of the House of Representatives for their services, in accordance with the amounts set against their names in an accompanying schedule. The order was adopted. Pay of members.

The report of the committee of conference on the amendment in relation to the salary of the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, reported that the House should recede from its amendment, Mr. Sawtelle of New Bedford dissenting from the report. The Senate had accepted the report, but the House non-concurred. Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Smith of Cambridge, a new committee of conference was asked for, and Messrs. Smith of Cambridge, Bailey of Charlestown and Sprague of Framingham were appointed on the part of the House. Sent up for concurrence. Salary bill.

Afterwards the committee reported that they were unable to agree, and asked to be discharged. The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, the House reconsidered the vote by which it non-concurred in the acceptance of the report of the conference committee which recommended that the House should recede from its amendment, and the report was accepted in concurrence.

The bill to prevent fraud at elections in cities was further considered, and the House receded from its amendments, in which the Senate had non-concurred. Fraud at elections in cities.

The committee of conference on the difference between the two branches on the bill to establish district courts in the several counties of the Commonwealth, presented a report recommending that the Senate should recede from certain amendments and that the House should concur in numerous others proposed by the Senate. The report was considered and debated. Mr. Jones of Boston called for the yeas and nays on the question of accepting the report; they were ordered, the roll was called, and the House refused to accept the report by a vote of 68 yeas to 120 nays. District courts.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Francis R. Allen,
Walter B. Allen,
Horace C. Bacon,

Messrs. Andrew J. Bailey,
James M. Barker,
Austin W. Benton,

Messrs. Edward A. Berdge,
 Sanford W. Billings,
 William R. Black,
 George B. Blake,
 William E. Blunt,
 Franklin Bonney,
 Bowman B. Breed,
 Richard F. Briggs,
 Sumner Carruth,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 John S. Coney,
 George E. Davis,
 George J. Dean,
 Lewis J. Dudley,
 Frederick D. Ely,
 Alonzo H. Evans,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 C. C. Field,
 John E. Fitzgerald,
 H. M. French,
 William Frost,
 John Gates,
 Addison Gilbert,
 A. J. Gove,
 Fitz E. Griffin,
 Isaac D. Hall,
 John W. Hammond,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 George H. Harlow,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Amos Hill,

Messrs. Henry B. Hill,
 Charles J. Holmes,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Richard H. Humphrey,
 E. Atherton Hunt,
 Thomas P. Hurlbut,
 Alexis W. Ide,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 Thomas M. Judd,
 Jesse E. Keith,
 Willard Lewis,
 William H. Loughlin,
 Albert Mason,
 Samuel W. McDaniel,
 John B. Moore,
 Weaver Osborn,
 Calvin T. Phillips,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Stephen D. Salmon, Jr.,
 Joseph L. Sargent,
 Amos J. Saunders,
 John C. Scott,
 John Shaw,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 William B. Stone,
 Charles Talbot,
 Joseph A. Titus,
 T. W. Wellington,
 Tisdale S. White,
 Samuel Winslow.

NAYS.

Messrs. A. S. Atherton,
 Nahum Bailey, Jr.,
 George W. Bardwell,
 George Bartholmesz,
 John M. Batchelder,
 Elijah E. Belding,
 Ezekiel D. Bement,
 Hiram Berry,
 Edward L. Bigelow,
 John Bigelow,
 Peleg Blankinship,
 Horace L. Bowker,
 Richard Britton,
 Giles E. Brownell,
 William H. Buck,
 Addison Burnett,
 Henry Burt,

Messrs. Jacob B. Calley,
 Adam Capen, Jr.,
 Charles V. Carpenter,
 Henry B. Chamberlin,
 Edward W. Chapin,
 George W. Clark,
 William H. Cook,
 Robert Couch,
 William A. Creesy,
 Charles Crittenden,
 George G. Crocker,
 Daniel A. Cronin,
 Joseph W. Cross,
 Ben. C. Currier,
 John Cushing,
 Joshua W. Davis,
 William Dean,

Messrs. Seymour B. Dewey,	Messrs. Liberty D. Packard,
Joseph Dyer,	Albert Palmer,
Harrison O. Field,	John B. Parker,
John H. Fisher,	William C. Parker, Jr.,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,	Daniel A. Patch,
Daniel C. Fletcher,	J. Winslow Peirce,
Granville E. Foss,	John Perkins,
Kirke E. Gardner,	Charles Perley,
Charles A. Gleason,	William C. Plunkett,
Asa H. Goddard,	Francis E. Porter,
Stephen D. Goddard,	Rodolphus Porter,
Brownell Granger,	John Samson,
Simeon Hardy,	Edward Sanford,
Austin Hawley,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
David P. Hatch,	Augustus J. Sawyer,
Lewis Hayden,	Roger H. Scannell,
Francis B. Hayes,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Samuel S. Haynes,	James B. Shaw,
Benjamin Heath,	Amos W. Shumway,
Samuel W. Heath,	Henry C. Skinner,
Lot Higgins,	Joshua B. Smith,
Samuel E. Hildreth,	Oliver M. Stacey,
John W. Hollis,	Francis D. Stedman,
Lewis Holmes,	William Stewart,
Richardson Hutchinson,	Thomas N. Stone,
Thomas Ingalls,	Andrew H. Sweet,
Nathan S. Jenkins,	James G. Tarr,
Edward J. Jones,	William Taylor,
Geo. P. Kendrick,	E. Loring Thayer,
William R. Kentfield,	Marcus Truesdell,
Charles R. Ladd,	Q. A. Vinal,
Noah D. Ladd,	William N. Walker,
Almond R. Lancaster,	Andrew J. Waters,
Elijah Marion,	James L. White,
David Mayhew,	William H. Whitfield,
Edward McCleave,	George H. Whitman,
Thomas J. Morgan,	Austin Whitney,
Charles W. Morrill,	Robert R. Wiley,
Asa P. Morse,	Benjamin F. Wing,
C. D. Morse,	Ezra D. Winslow,
Andrew M. Morton,	Oliver Wolcott,
Lewis R. Norton,	Moses D. Woodbury,
John A. Nowell,	Elijah N. Woods.

Yeas, 68 ; nays, 120.

Mr. Nowell of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote, and the motion was lost. The same gentleman also moved that a new committee of conference be appointed, and that motion was lost, as was also a motion to reconsider that vote.

Re-
sai-
gna-
tion.

Mr. Carruth of Chelsea tendered his resignation as a member of the House from the Thirteenth Suffolk District, and the resignation was accepted.

Visit to
Hoosac
Tunnel.

Mr. Cook of Boston offered an order directing the Sergeant-at-Arms to make the necessary arrangements for a visit of the members of the Legislature to the Hoosac Tunnel in September next, which was adopted, but the vote was reconsidered on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, and the order was rejected.

Appropri-
ation bill.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill in further addition to an act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year and for other purposes, which, under a suspension of the rules, took its several readings and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, on leave, introduced a resolve relative to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor. The rules were suspended, the resolve took its several readings and was sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Municipal
courts of
Somerville
and Taun-
ton.

A bill relative to the salaries of the justices and clerks of the municipal court of Taunton and the police courts of Somerville and Haverhill, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, and on motion of Mr. Hammond of Cambridge was referred to the next General Court.

Legislative
manual.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Clerks of the two branches cause to be prepared and printed, before the meeting of the next General Court, 2,500 copies of so much of the legislative manual as may be practicable, on the general plan of that of the present year.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

In addition to an act relating to the fire department of the city of Boston ;

Establishing the salaries of certain officers ;

In further addition to an act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To establish the salaries of the watchmen of the state house ;

To prevent frauds at elections in cities ;

To establish the salaries of certain state officers and employés ;

For fixing the time and place of holding the probate court in the county of Suffolk ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted; signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Relative to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor ;

To authorize certain expenditures in connection with the building in Pemberton Square leased by the state ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a committee be appointed to consist of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, to wait upon His Excellency the Governor and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature have disposed of all the public business which has been brought before them ; and to request him, with the advice and consent of the Council, to prorogue them to the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday of January next. Prorogation.

Messrs. Potter, Whittle and Thompson having been appointed on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Bacon of Lawrence, Phillips of Salem, Plunkett of Adams, Haynes of Townsend, Sanger of Cambridge, Stedman of Boston and Titus of Worcester were joined on the part of the House.

Afterwards, Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee, reported that they had waited upon His Excellency the Governor, and informed him of the action of the two branches, and that His Excellency was pleased to say that he had signed the acts and resolves which had been presented to him. He congratulated the two Houses on the happy hour so long delayed and anxiously expected when their labors were to close. He was pleased to say further, that the Legislature had been very generous in staying to attend to the transaction of business which might have been done earlier had it not been for the dilatoriness of the public in bringing it forward. He had reason to believe that the Legislature had attended faithfully and honestly to the business before it, and that the odium consequent upon the length of the session should rest as much

upon the general public as on the Legislature. In conclusion, the Governor had expressed his best wishes for the future prosperity and happiness of the members, and had stated that he would immediately comply with the request of the two branches.

At 6.30 P. M., the Secretary of State appeared, and having stated that the Governor had signed 378 acts and 66 resolves, proceeded to say that he had been directed by him, and by the consent of the Council and in accordance with the request of the Senate and House, to prorogue the General Court to the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday of January next; and the General Court was prorogued accordingly.

And the General Court having been prorogued, the members of the House separated.

Attest:

CHAS. H. TAYLOR,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

APPENDIX.



[No. 1.]

ANNUAL REGISTER

OF THE

Executive and Legislative Departments

OF THE

GOVERNMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,

1873.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	First year in office.
William B. Washburn, <i>Governor</i> , . . .	Greenfield, .	Jan. 31, 1830,	Winchendon, .	Banker & Manuf'r., .	1872.
Thomas Talbot, <i>Lieutenant-Governor</i> , . .	Billerica, .	Sept. 7, 1818,	Cambridge, N.Y., .	Manufacturer, .	*1852.
Alfred Macy, <i>Councillor</i> , Dist. No. 1, . .	Nantucket, .	Sept. 1, 1831,	Nantucket, .	Lawyer, . . .	1871.
Seth Turner, " " 2, . . .	Randolph, .	July 29, 1821,	Randolph, .	Banker, . . .	*1865.
Milo Hildreth, " " 3, . . .	Northborough, .	Aug. 17, 1824,	Townsend, .	Manufacturer, .	1872.
Rufus S. Frost, " " 4, . . .	Chelsea, .	July 18, 1826,	Marlboro', N.H., .	Commission merch't, .	+1871.
Dan'l H. Stickney, " " 5, . . .	Groveland, .	Apr. 13, 1825,	Groveland, .	Shoe Manufacturer, .	*1865.
Jonathan B. Winn, " " 6, . . .	Woburn, .	Aug. 24, 1811,	Burlington, .	Leather Manufact'r., .	1870.
George Whitney, " " 7, . . .	Royalston, .	Sept. 21, 1817,	Royalston, .	Manufacturer, .	*1859.
Edwin Chase, " " 8, . . .	Holyoke, .	Mar. 17, 1813,	Litchfield, N.H., .	Lumber Dealer, .	1872.
Sidney Andrews, <i>Governor's Private Secretary</i> , .	Boston, .	Oct. 7, 1837,	Sheffield, .	Journalist, .	1872.

Heads of Departments,—

Oliver Warner, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Northampton,	Apr. 18, 1817,	Northampton,	-	1858.
Charles Adams, Jr., <i>Treasurer</i> ,	N. Brookfield,	Jan. 31, 1810,	Antrim, N.H.,	-	1867.
Charles Endicott, <i>Auditor</i> ,	Canton,	Oct. 28, 1822,	Canton,	Lawyer,	1870.
Charles R. Train, <i>Attorney-General</i> ,	Boston,	Oct. 18, 1817,	Framingham,	Lawyer,	1847.
James A. Cunningham, <i>Adjutant-General</i> ,	Gloucester,	Nov. 27, 1890,	Boston,	Farmer,	1866.

* House.

† Senate.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

SENATE.
GEORGE B. LORING, PRESIDENT.

DISTRICTS.	SENATORS.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
SUFFOLK COUNTY.						
First District,	Henry S. Washburn,	Boston,	-	-	-	-
Second "	Martin Griffin,	Boston,	-	-	-	-
Third "	Francis W. Jacobs,	Boston,	Dec. 30, 1837,	Newburyport,	Lawyer,	1872.
Fourth "	Julius K. Banister,	Boston,	Feb. 22, 1838,	Worcester,	Furniture Dealer,	*1872.
Fifth "	Wm. H. Larnard, Jr.,	Boston,	Jan. 8, 1828,	Boston,	Merchant,	1872.
Sixth "	Robert Johnson,	Boston,	July 17, 1823,	Harrison, Me.,	Supt. S. Bost'n R.R.,	*1863.
ESSEX COUNTY.						
First District,	Geo. D. Whittle,	Lynn,	Jan. 2, 1838,	Springfield,	Shoe Manufact'r,	1873.
Second "	Geo. B. Loring,	Salem,	Nov. 8, 1817,	North Andover,	Farmer,	*1866.
Third "	Nathan W. Harmon,	Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1813,	New Ashford,	Att'y & Counsellor,	*1857.
Fourth "	David T. Woodwell,	Newburypt,	Oct. 7, 1820,	Newburyport,	Merchant,	*1869.
Fifth "	Newell Giles,	Rockport,	Feb. 14, 1818,	Rockport,	Manufacturer,	1872.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY.						
First District,	Edward Lawrence,	Charlestown,	June 21, 1810,	Harvard,	Pres. Banker H.M. Nl. Bk.,	*1858.
Second "	Joseph S. Potter,	Arlington,	Feb. 8, 1822,	Baldwinville, N.Y.,	Manufacturer,	*1866.
Third "	Robert O. Fuller,	Cambridge,	Sept. 12, 1829,	Cambridge,	Merchant,	*1870.
Fourth "	Newton Morse,	Natick,	Aug. 16, 1832,	Natick,	Gen. Law business,	*1869.
Fifth "	Levi Wallace,	Pepperell,	Feb. 27, 1832,	Townsend,	Attorney-at-Law,	*1868.

Sixth District,	Carroll D. Wright,	Reading,	July 25, 1840,	Dunbarton, N.H.,	Lawyer,	1872.
Seventh "	Jeremiah Clark,	Lowell,	Feb. 11, 1819,	Washington, Vt.,	Manuf'r & Merch't,	*1860.
WORCESTER COUNTY.						
First District,	Geo. F. Thompson,	Worcester,	Aug. 9, 1827,	Medway,	Boot Maker,	*1857.
Second "	Samuel M. Griggs,	Westboro,	Sept. 10, 1822,	Grafton, Vt.,	Merchant,	*1863.
Third "	Henry L. Bancroft,	Millbury,	June 25, 1821,	Millbury,	Merchant,	1873.
Fourth "	Nathan'l L. Johnson,	Dana,	May 30, 1822,	Dana,	Manuf'r & Farmer,	*1857.
Fifth "	George A. Torrey,	Fitchburg,	May 14, 1838,	Fitchburg,	Lawyer,	1872.
HAMPDEN COUNTY.						
First District,	Timothy F. Packard,	Monson,	May 18, 1812,	Monson,	Merchant,	*1864.
Second "	William Whiting,	Holyoke,	-	-	-	-
BERKSHIRE AND HAMPSHIRE COUNTIES.						
Hampshire District,	Rufus D. Woods,	Enfield,	May 1, 1818,	Enfield,	Farmer,	*1858.
Berkshire & Hampsh're Dis.,	Prentiss C. Baird,	Lee,	Sept. 30, 1831,	Becket,	Manufacturer,	*1871.
Berkshire District,	Edward Learned,	Pittsfield,	-	-	-	-
FRANKLIN COUNTY.						
Franklin District,	John D. Todd,	Conway,	Mar. 11, 1814,	Cooperstown, N.Y.	Banker,	1873.
NORFOLK AND PLYMOUTH COUNTIES.						
First Norfolk District,	Moody Merrill,	Boston,	June 27, 1836,	Plymouth, N. H.,	Lawyer,	*1869.
Second "	Charles H. French,	Canton,	Sept. ~ 1814,	Canton,	Banker & Manuf'r,	*1853.
Third "	Erastus P. Carpenter,	Foxborough,	Nov. 23, 1822,	Foxborough,	Manufacturer,	1872.
Norfolk & Plymouth Dis.,	Jedediah Dwyer,	Hanover,	Feb. 28, 1834,	Hanover,	Shoe Cutter & Ins. Agent,	*1865.
First Plymouth District,	George W. Lobdell,	Mattapoisett,	June 17, 1823,	Plymouth,	Contractor,	*1870.
Second "	Lloyd Parsons,	Bridgewater,	May 13, 1816,	Middleborough,	Manufacturer,	*1870.

* House of Representatives.

Districts.	SENATORS.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
BRISTOL COUNTY.						
First District.	James Brown.	Taunton.	Sept. 19, 1828.	Swansea.	Lawyer.	*1862.
Second "	Isaac H. Coe.	New Bedford.	May 12, 1818.	Woodstock, Ct.	Clergyman.	*1866.
Third "	Charles P. Stickney.	Fall River.	Mar. 14, 1824.	Chester, N. H.	Merchant.	1871.
BARNSTABLE, NANTUCKET AND DUKES COUNTIES.						
Cape District.	Joseph K. Baker.	Dennis.	Oct. 8, 1827.	Dennis.	Merchant.	*1870.
Island "	Francis A. Nye.	Falmouth.	Dec. 1, 1822.	Falmouth.	Farmer.	*1869.

* House of Representatives.

OFFICERS OF THE SENATE.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	1st year in office.
Stephen N. Gifford, <i>Clerk</i> ,	Duxbury.	July 21, 1815.	Pembroke.	1868.
Edward Abbott, <i>Chaplain</i> ,	Cambridge.	-	-	1872.
John Morissey, <i>Sergeant-at-Arms</i> , (to both branches.)	Plymouth.	Sept. 22, 1818.	Boston.	1869.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JOHN E. SANFORD, SPEAKER.

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Districts.	Name of Representatives.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
SUFFOLK COUNTY.						
No. 1.	James Smith, Henry B. Hill, Andrew M. Morton, Henry Splaine, William Taylor, Dennis Bonner, Step'n D. Salmon, Jr., William H. Cook, Daniel A. Cronin, Barney Hull, Alfred A. Clatur, George G. Crocker, John W. Regan, Roger H. Scannell, Horace L. Bowker, Charles R. Codman, Francis B. Hayes, Lewis Hayden, Hugh J. Toland, John E. Fitzgerald, Thos. F. Fitz Gerald,	Boston.	Mar. 30, 1831, Nov. 16, 1823, Feb. 26, 1839, Aug. 6, 1837, Apr. 15, 1830, Jan. -, 1821, Jan. 15, 1845, Mar. 17, 1842, Aug. 15, 1846, July 29, 1830, Dec. 15, 1843, Aug. 4, 1835, Feb. 14, 1833, Feb. 2, 1837, Nov. 22, 1832, Oct. 28, 1829, - Dec. 3, 1811, Sept. 1, 1844, Nov. 17, 1844, Dec. 20, 1848,	Nova Scotia, Salem, Boston, Ireland, St. John's, N. F., Ireland, Boston, Framingham, Ireland, Whitingham, Vt., Keene, N. H., Boston, Ireland, Ireland, Phillipston, Boston, - Lexington, Ky., Boston, Ireland, Ireland,	Tr. & Agt. B. Forge Co., Cooper, Manufacturer, Stable-keeper, Trader, Teamster, Merchant, Counsellor-at-Law, Mach'ist & St'm Fitter, Hotel-keeper, Merchant, Counsellor & C'nvey'r., Hose-maker, Printer, Manufact'g Chemist, - Lawyer, Messenger, Jeweller, Lawyer, Clerk,	1873. 1872. 1873. 1872. 1872. 1873. 1873. 1873. 1873. 1872. 1873. 1873. 1871. 1873. 1873. *1864. 1873. 1873. 1871. 1870. 1873.

* Senate.

Districts.	Name of Representatives.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
SUFFOLK CO.—<i>Con.</i>						
No. 8, . . .	Lucius W. Knight, . . .	Boston, . . .	Aug. 17, 1830, . . .	N. Gloucester, Me., . . .	Contractor, . . .	1873.
9, . . .	Henry P. Shattuck, . . .	" . . .	Nov. 27, 1844, . . .	Dunkirk, N. Y., . . .	Physician, . . .	1878.
10, . . .	Benjamin Heath, . . .	" . . .	May 1, 1821, . . .	Charlestown, . . .	Agent, . . .	1878.
11, . . .	Francis D. Stedman, . . .	" . . .	Feb. 10, 1801, . . .	Lancaster, . . .	Insurance Agent, . . .	1866.
12, . . .	William Frost, . . .	" . . .	Jan. 4, 1822, . . .	Limington, Me., . . .	Teamster & F'g Agt., . . .	1878.
13, . . .	John A. Nowell, . . .	" . . .	May 16, 1817, . . .	Sanford, Me., . . .	West India Goods, . . .	1857.
14, . . .	Samuel B. Hopkins, . . .	" . . .	Mar. 12, 1823, . . .	Hampden, Me., . . .	Merchant, . . .	1872.
15, . . .	Daniel A. Patch, . . .	" . . .	July 22, 1832, . . .	Hamilton, . . .	Merchant, . . .	1872.
16, . . .	John Bigelow, . . .	" . . .	Feb. 4, 1841, . . .	- . . .	Manufacturer, . . .	1873.
17, . . .	Edward J. Jones, . . .	" . . .	Oct. 15, 1822, . . .	Boston, . . .	Ass't Supt. Met. R.R., . . .	1873.
18, . . .	Liberty D. Packard, . . .	" . . .	Sept. 13, 1831, . . .	N. Bridgewater, . . .	Physician, . . .	1872.
19, . . .	Henry W. Wilson, . . .	" . . .	Oct. 17, 1834, . . .	Boston, . . .	Civil Engineer, . . .	1873.
20, . . .	Eustace C. Fitz, . . .	Chelsea, . . .	Feb. 5, 1833, . . .	Haverhill, . . .	Merchant, . . .	1873.
21, . . .	John W. Fletcher, . . .	" . . .	Apr. 11, 1824, . . .	Norridgewock, Me., . . .	Insurance, . . .	1873.
22, . . .	Sumner Carruth, . . .	" . . .	Dec. 22, 1834, . . .	N. Brookfield, . . .	U.S. Officer Pt. of B'n, . . .	1873.
Essex County.						
No. 1, . . .	Richard F. Briggs, . . .	Amesbury, . . .	Dec. 13, 1836, . . .	Ashland, N. H., . . .	Carriage Manufact'r., . . .	1873.
2, . . .	Charles W. Morrill, . . .	Salisbury, . . .	Apr. 23, 1839, . . .	Salisbury, . . .	Carriage Manufact'r., . . .	1873.
3, . . .	William E. Blunt, . . .	Haverhill, . . .	Aug. 21, 1840, . . .	Haverhill, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1871.
4, . . .	George J. Dean, . . .	" . . .	Dec. 20, 1828, . . .	Exeter, N. H., . . .	Police Officer, . . .	1878.
5, . . .	Alm'd R. Lancaster, . . .	" . . .	Mar. 1, 1829, . . .	Corinna, Me., . . .	Leather Dealer, . . .	1872.
6, . . .	George E. Davis, . . .	Lawrence, . . .	Aug. 6, 1827, . . .	Portsmouth, N. H., . . .	Iron Founder, . . .	1871.
7, . . .	Horace C. Bacon, . . .	" . . .	Dec. 14, 1824, . . .	Newton, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1872.
8, . . .	Granville E. Foss, . . .	Methuen, . . .	Aug. 16, 1843, . . .	Methuen, . . .	Manufacturer, . . .	1873.
9, . . .	Hiram Berry, . . .	No. Andover, . . .	June 25, 1820, . . .	North Andover, . . .	Teacher, . . .	1873.

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No. 5,	Charles Perley,	W. B. Boxford,	Sept. 2, 1823,	Dunbarton, N. H.,	Farmer,	1873.
	Robert Couch,	Newburyport,	June 28, 1818,	Newburyport,	Master Mariner,	1872.
6,	George W. Clark,	"	Oct. 24, 1836,	Newburyport,	Bookseller,	1872.
	Ben. C. Currier,	"	Oct. 29, 1822,	Boston,	Mason,	1873.
7,	John Perkins,	Ipswich,	July 13, 1825,	Ipswich,	Boot & Shoe Manuf'r,	1873.
	Adison Gilbert,	Gloucester,	Nov. 23, 1808,	Gloucester,	Retired Manufacturer,	1836.
8,	James G. Tarr,	"	July 6, 1830,	Gloucester,	Trader,	1873.
	Fitz E. Griffin,	"	July 28, 1840,	Lanesville,	Carpenter & Builder,	1873.
9,	James W. Bradley,	Rockport,	Oct. 16, 1828,	Rockport,	Trader,	1872.
	Francis E. Porter,	Beverly,	Sept. 14, 1824,	Beverly,	Shoe Manufacturer,	1873.
10,	Francis R. Allen,	Hamilton,	May 13, 1817,	Hopkinton, N. H.,	Farmer,	1873.
	George J. Sanger,	Danvers,	Aug. 27, 1826,	Frammingham,	Clergyman,	1869.
11,	Charles V. Hanson,	Peabody,	Aug. 30, 1844,	Portland, Me.,	Clergyman,	1872.
12,	Willard P. Phillips,	Salem,	Sept. 7, 1825,	Salem,	Merchant,	1848.
13,	George Sanborn,	"	1816,	Salem,	Coal Dealer,	1872.
14,	William A. Creesy,	"	1820,	Marblehead,	"	1872.
	Thomas Ingalls,	Marblehead,	Oct. 1, 1824,	Marblehead,	Shoe Manufacturer,	1873.
15,	Rich'd H. Humphrey,	"	June 16, 1829,	Marblehead,	Shoe Manufacturer,	1873.
16,	Bowman B. Breed,	Lynn,	Feb. 29, 1832,	Lynn,	Editor & Physician,	1872.
17,	Edward A. Berdge,	"	Nov. 20, 1829,	Newburyport,	Clerk,	1873.
18,	Oliver M. Stacey,	"	Dec. 13, 1816,	Lynn,	Shoe Manufacturer,	1859.
19,	Walter B. Allen,	"	Jan. 17, 1828,	Elliott, Me.,	Builder & Contractor,	1873.
20,	Jacob B. Calley,	E. Saugus,	Apr. 4, 1822,	Effingham, N. H.,	Shoe Manufacturer,	1857.
MIDDLESEX Co.						
No. 1,	Robert R. Wiley,	Charlestown,	Mar. 1, 1828,	Charlestown,	Mason,	1873.
2,	John Samson,	"	June 29, 1821,	Pembroke,	Shipwright,	1873.
	I. W. Derby,	"	Oct. 2, 1835,	Fairlee, Vt.,	Real Estate Agent,	1873.
3,	Andrew J. Bailey,	"	July 18, 1840,	Charlestown,	Lawyer,	1871.
	John H. Studley,	"	Oct. 29, 1828,	Charlestown,	Supt. Middlesex R.R.,	1873.

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MIDDLESEX Co.-Con.						
No. 4.	Quincy A. Vinal.	Somerville.	Sept. 23, 1826.	Charlestown.	Grain Dealer.	1873.
	Alonzo H. Evans.	Everett.	Feb. 24, 1820.	Allentown, N.H.	Treas. Savings Bank.	1873.
	John H. Abbott.	Malden.	Aug. 16, 1825.	Bedford.	Real Estate.	1872.
5.	Benjamin F. Hayes.	Medford.	July 3, 1835.	Berwick, Me.	Lawyer.	1872.
6.	J. Winslow Peirce.	Arlington.	July 6, 1835.	Arlington.	Coal Dealer.	1873.
7.	George P. Sanger.	Cambridge.	Nov. 27, 1819.	Dover.	Lawyer.	1873.
	John W. Hammond.	"	Dec. 16, 1837.	Mattapoisett.	Lawyer.	1872.
8.	Joshua B. Smith.	"	Nov. 7, 1813.	Pennsylvania.	Caterer.	1873.
	Asa P. Morse.	"	Sept. 1, 1819.	Haverhill, N. H.	D'r in shooks & staves.	1869.
9.	Sam'l W. McDaniel.	"	Nov. 18, 1838.	Philadelphia, Pa.	Clergyman.	1873.
10.	Ezra D. Winslow.	Newton.	Sept. 6, 1839.	Whitehall, N. Y.	Clergyman.	1872.
	John W. Hollis.	Brighton.	Mar. 14, 1812.	Brantree.	Wool Merchant.	1873.
11.	Hend'n J. Edwards.	Watertown.	Apr. 13, 1840.	Industry, Me.	Lawyer.	1873.
12.	William Roberts.	Waltham.	1835.	Watertown.	Manufacturer.	1873.
13.	Simeon Hardy.	Natick.	1838.	Strong, Me.	Shoemaker.	1873.
14.	John M. Batchelder.	Holliston.	Jan. 8, 1832.	Holliston.	Grocer.	1873.
15.	Moses L. Buck.	Hopkinton.	May 17, 1811.	Upton.	Plumber.	1873.
16.	Franklin H. Sprague.	Framingham.	May 19, 1825.	Phillipston.	Trader & Farmer.	1858.
17.	Edward L. Bigelow.	Marlborough.	June 27, 1839.	Marlborough.	Merchant.	1870.
18.	Daniel C. Fletcher.	Littleton.	May 29, 1829.	Littleton.	Farmer.	1873.
19.	Thomas P. Hurlbut.	Sudbury.	June 1, 1820.	Sudbury.	Farmer.	1870.
20.	John B. Moore.	Concord.	Feb. 18, 1817.	Concord.	Farmer.	1873.
21.	Elijah Marlon.	Burlington.	Dec. 28, 1812.	Burlington.	Farmer.	1873.
22.	John Cummings.	Woburn.	Oct. 19, 1812.	Woburn.	Tanner & Currier.	1873.
	Amos Hill.	Stoneham.	Oct. 26, 1830.	Stoneham.	Civil Engineer.	1872.
23.	Richard Britton.	Wakefield.	Aug. 26, 1838.	Ireland.	Manufacturer.	1873.

No. 24,	John S. Coney,	No. Reading,	July 22, 1823,	Reading,	Shoemaker,	1873.
25,	George H. Whitman,	BillERICA,	Feb. 10, 1808,	Boston,	Lawyer,	1873.
26,	Joseph L. Sargent,	Lowell,	Sept. 27, 1830,	Boston,	Provision Dealer,	1869.
27,	George A. Marden,	"	Aug. 9, 1839,	Mt. Vernon, N. H.,	Editor,	1873.
28,	William H. Loughlin,	"	Oct. 31, 1847,	Ireland,	Lawyer,	1872.
29,	Edward F. Watson,	"	Mar. 8, 1807,	Nottingham, N. H.,	Manufacturer,	1842.
30,	Jonathan Johnson,	Westford,	Aug. 7, 1818,	Groton,	Watchmaker,	1856.
31,	J. Henry Read,	E. Pepperell,	Aug. 5, 1835,	Westford,	Farmer,	1872.
32,	Amos J. Saunders,	Townsend,	Aug. 3, 1826,	Rowley,	Merchant,	1873.
	Samuel S. Haynes,	"	Jan. 4, 1822,	Townsend,	Builder,	1852.
WORCESTER Co.						
No. 1,	Austin Whitney,	Ashburnham,	Apr. 16, 1817,	Ashburnham,	Morocco Dresser,	1873.
2,	George H. Hoyt,	Athol,	Nov. 26, 1837,	Athol,	Lawyer,	1872.
3,	William N. Walker,	Templeton,	Nov. 14, 1823,	Royalston,	Iron Founder,	1873.
4,	Stephen D. Goddard,	Petersham,	Jan. 7, 1811,	Petersham,	Farmer,	1869.
	Charles A. Gleason,	N'w Braintree,	Feb. 7, 1846,	New Braintree,	Farmer,	1873.
5,	Rodney Wallace,	Fitchburg,	Dec. 21, 1823,	New Ipswich, N. H.,	Paper Manufacturer,	1873.
	C. C. Field,	Leominster,	May 27, 1810,	Northfield,	Physician,	1873.
	William Baker,	Lunenburg,	Sept. 2, 1821,	Lunenburg,	Farmer,	1873.
6,	Augustus J. Sawyer,	Harvard,	Apr. 14, 1816,	Harvard,	Farmer,	1873.
7,	John B. Parker,	Northborough,	Jan. 4, 1812,	Lancaster,	Horn Comb Manuf'r,	1873.
8,	Joseph W. Cross,	W. Boylston,	June 16, 1808,	East Bridgewater,	Clergyman,	1873.
9,	Asa H. Goddard,	Princeton,	Feb. 9, 1807,	Shrewsbury,	Farmer,	1873.
	Samuel Winslow,	Worcester,	Feb. 28, 1827,	Newton,	Manufacturer,	1873.
10,	John Gates,	"	Mar. 2, 1807,	Worcester,	Lumber Dealer,	1872.
	T. W. Wellington,	"	July 4, 1811,	Lexington,	Coal Dealer,	1864.

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WORCESTER—Con.						
No. 11.	George P. Kendrick, Samuel E. Hildreth, Joseph A. Titus, . . .	Worcester, "	Aug. 22, 1824, Dec. 8, 1829, Jan. 21, 1838, . . .	Warren, Brattleboro', Vt., Leicester, . . .	Livery-stable keeper, Machinist, . . . Lawyer,	1872. 1873. 1873.
12.	George H. Harlow, . .	Shrewsbury, . . .	June 18, 1820, . . .	Shrewsbury, . . .	Insurance & Farming, Cattle Broker, . .	1873. 1873.
13.	William H. Buck, . . .	Southborough, . .	Aug. 26, 1818, . .	Killingly, Conn., .	Clergyman, . . .	1873.
14.	Emory A. Howard, . .	Northbridge, . . .	Nov. 2, 1837, . . .	Guilford, Vt., . . .	Boot Manufacturer, .	1872.
15.	George B. Blake, . . .	Millford,	Feb. 28, 1823, . .	Stoughton,	Boot Cutter, . . .	1873.
16.	Henry C. Skinner, . .	"	Nov. 14, 1824, . .	Plainfield, Vt., . .	Woollen Manufactory, Sash & Door Manuf.,	1872. 1873.
17.	John C. Scott,	Blackstone, . . .	June 3, 1816, . . .	Plainfield, Ct., . .	Teacher,	1873.
18.	C. D. Morse,	Millbury,	Nov. 1, 1827, . . .	Woodstock, Ct., . .	Merchant,	1873.
19.	Andrew J. Waters, . .	Webster,	Jan. 14, 1837, . .	Sutton,	Farmer,	1873.
20.	Samuel W. Heath, . .	E. Douglas, . . .	Nov. 11, 1804, . .	Marblehead, . . .	Shoe Tool & Die Manf.,	1873.
21.	Charles V. Carpenter, .	Southbridge, . . .	Apr. 2, 1830, . . .	Eastford, Conn., .	Farmer,	1873.
22.	Moses D. Woodbury, .	Charlton,	Jan. 10, 1821, . .	Charlton,	Farmer,	1873.
23.	Noah D. Ladd,	Sturbridge, . . .	Feb. 29, 1820, . .	Tolland, Ct., . . .	Farmer,	1873.
24.	William B. Stone, . . .	W. Brookfield, . .	Jan. 24, 1811, . .	N. Brookfield, . . .	Teacher,	*1864.
HAMPSHIRE Co.						
No. 1.	Lewis J. Dudley, . . .	Northampton, . .	Nov. 11, 1815, . .	Guilford, Conn., . .	Merchant,	1873.
2.	Elijah N. Woods, . . .	Huntington, . . .	Jan. 29, 1818, . .	West Brookfield, .	Farmer,	1873.
3.	Hiram Packard, . . .	Goshen,	Sept. 6, 1816, . .	Hadley,	Physician & Surgeon,	1873.
4.	Franklin Bonney, . . .	Hadley,	Feb. 2, 1822, . . .	Wilbraham,	Retired,	1873.
5.	Henry Burt,	Amherst,	Sept. 8, 1811, . .	South Hadley, . . .	Mason & Farmer, . .	1873.
6.	Addison Burnett, . .	Belchertown, . . .	June 7, 1810, . .	Prescott,	Farmer,	1873.
7.	Waies Aldrich,	Prescott,	May 15, 1811, . .			1873.

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HAMPDEN COUNTY.		Thomas J. Morgan.	Brimsfield.	Feb. 12, 1823,	Brimsfield.	Farmer & Miller.	1873.
No. 1.	.	James B. Shaw.	Palmer.	July 25, 1837.	Hartford, Conn.	Merchant.	1873.
2.	.	Charles R. Ladd.	Springfield.	Apr. 9, 1822,	Tolland, Ct.	Insurance Agent.	1853.
3.	.	H. M. French.	"	1827.	Springfield.	Hotel Landlord.	1873.
4.	.	A. L. Soule.	"	Apr. 19, 1827.	Exeter, N. H.	Lawyer.	1873.
5.	.	Henry W. Phelps.	Holyoke.	1830.	Springfield.	Railroad Contractor.	1873.
6.	.	Edward W. Chapin.	Chicopee.	Aug. 23, 1840.	Chicopee.	Lawyer.	1873.
7.	.	William R. Kentfield.	Chicopee.	Aug. 1, 1814.	Northampton.	Mason.	1873.
8.	.	Oliver Wolcott.	E. Longmeadow.	May 10, 1827.	Longmeadow.	Supt. of Quarry.	1843.
9.	.	Aaron Baggs.	W. Springfield.	Feb. 6, 1810.	West Springfield.	Farmer.	1843.
	.	Lewis R. Norton.	Westfield.	Feb. 23, 1821.	Agawam.	Merchant.	1862.
	.	Francis W. Clark.	Montgomery.	Nov. 13, 1829.	Montgomery.	Farmer.	1873.
FRANKLIN COUNTY.		A. S. Atherton.	Warwick.	Apr. 4, 1842.	Richmond, N. H.	Merchant.	1873.
No. 1.	.	Harrison O. Field.	Leverett.	Jan. 20, 1810.	Leverett.	Farmer.	1873.
2.	.	Elijah E. Belding.	Northfield.	Apr. 18, 1813.	Vernon, Vt.	Farmer.	1873.
3.	.	William Stewart.	Colrain.	Sept. 16, 1820.	Colrain.	Farmer.	1873.
4.	.	George W. Bardwell.	Deerfield.	1867.	Whately.	Farmer.	1873.
5.	.	Charles Crittenden.	Hawley.	Jan. 1, 1837.	Hawley.	Farmer.	1873.
	.	Ezekiel D. Bement.	Buckland.	Jan. 1, 1819.	Buckland.	Farmer.	1873.
BERKSHIRE COUNTY.		Kirke E. Gardner.	Hancock.	1838.	Stephentown, N. Y.	Farmer.	1873.
No. 1.	.	William C. Plunkett.	Adams.	Oct. 1, 1800.	Lenox.	Manufacturer.	*1846.
2.	.	William F. Darby.	"	1838.	Williamstown.	Merchant.	1870.
3.	.	James M. Barker.	Pittsfield.	Oct. 23, 1859.	Pittsfield.	Lawyer.	1872.
	.	George Y. Learned.	"	Jan. 15, 1827.	Watervliet, N. Y.	Manufacturer.	1873.

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BERKSHIRE Co.—<i>Con.</i>						
No. 4.	James L. White.	Windsor.	Oct. 18, 1821.	Peru.	Farmer.	1855.
5.	Marcus Truesdell.	W Stockbridge.	May 30, 1813.	Monson.	Lime Manufacturer.	1873.
6.	Thomas M. Judd.	Lee.	July 16, 1840.	Tyringham.	Lawyer.	1873.
7.	Seymour B. Dewey.	Egremont.	Aug. 25, 1814.	Great Barrington.	Merchant.	1862.
8.	Austin Hawley.	Sandisfield.	Oct. 29, 1822.	Norfolk, Ct.,.	Farmer.	1873.
NORFOLK COUNTY.						
No. 1.	Frederick D. Ely.	Dedham.	Sept. 24, 1838.	Wrentham.	Lawyer.	1873.
2.	Robert Seaver.	W. Roxbury.	Feb. 23, 1812.	Roxbury.	Grocer.	1872.
3.	Albert Palmer.	Boston.	Jan. 17, 1831.	Candia, N. H.,.	Ice Business.	1872.
4.	George Bartholmes.	"	Apr. 22, 1821.	Bavaria, Germany.	Boot & Shoe Manuf'r.,	1872.
5.	Brownell Granger.	"	Apr. 23, 1835.	Greenfield.	Civil Engineer.	1872.
6.	H. B. Chamberlain.	"	Feb. 18, 1839.	Gloucester.	Carriage Maker.	1873.
7.	Rich'd'n Hutchinson.	"	Oct. 13, 1818.	Boston.	Furniture Manufact'r.,	1873.
8.	Albe C. Clark.	"	Aug. 31, 1826.	Franklin, N. H.,.	Lawyer.	1873.
9.	James A. Stetson.	Quincy.	1806.	E. Braintree, Mass.,	Physician.	1873.
10.	Rodolphus Porter.	Braintree.	July 22, 1834.	Randolph.	Merchant.	1873.
11.	E. Atherton Hunt.	Weymouth.	Jan. 26, 1826.	Weymouth.	Boot Manufacturer.	1873.
12.	Joseph Dyer.	"	1830.	Weymouth.	Grocer.	1873.
13.	A. J. Gove.	Randolph.	Oct. 26, 1834.	Plainfield, N. H.,.	Expressman.	1873.
14.	Adam Capen, Jr.,	Stoughton.	May 6, 1821.	Stoughton.	Mechanic.	1873.
15.	Willard Lewis.	Walpole.	Feb. 24, 1808.	Roxbury.	Manufacturer.	1873.
16.	Sanford W. Billings.	Sharon.	Oct. 3, 1834.	Sharon.	Teacher.	1873.
17.	Alexis W. Ide.	Medway.	Oct. 10, 1826.	West Medway.	Clergyman.	1873.
18.	George T. Ryder.	Foxborough.	Jan. 7, 1827.	Sandwich.	Merchant.	1873.
19.	John H. Fisher.	Franklin.	Jan. 23, 1807.	Franklin.	Day Laborer.	1873.

No. 14,	Amos W. Shumway,	Dover,	May 13, 1819,	Dover,	Farmer,	1873.
15,	Austin W. Benton,	Brookline,	Nov. 16, 1818,	Rowe,	-	1872.
BRISTOL COUNTY.						
No. 1,	Edward Sanford,	Attleborough,	Mar. 10, 1825,	Raynham,	Physician,	1873.
2,	Andrew H. Sweet,	Norton,	Oct. 2, 1845,	Norton,	Friction Match Manf.,	1873.
3,	George Copeland,	Easton,	Jan. 5, 1837,	Easton,	Merchant,	1873.
4,	John E. Sanford,	Taunton,	Nov. 22, 1830,	Dennis,	Lawyer,	1863.
5,	William R. Black,	"	Aug. 23, 1830,	F. E. Island,	Manufacturer of Paint,	1872.
6,	Nathan B. Seaver,	"	Aug. 4, 1822,	Taunton,	D'ler in Boots & Shoes,	1873.
7,	Charles Talbot,	Dighton,	Mar. 30, 1811,	Dighton,	Physician,	1873.
8,	William Dean,	Freetown,	Mar. 15, 1830,	Freetown,	Farmer,	1873.
9,	George O. Fairbanks,	Fall River,	Feb. 14, 1815,	Medway,	Dentist,	1870.
10,	Weaver Osborn,	"	May 23, 1815,	Tiverton, R. I.,	Manufacturer,	1873.
11,	Charles J. Holmes,	"	Mar. 4, 1814,	Rochester,	Banker,	1868.
12,	Giles E. Brownell,	Westport,	Apr. 12, 1819,	Westport,	Farmer,	1872.
	Benjamin F. Wing,	Dartmouth,	Oct. 22, 1822,	Dartmouth,	Master Mariner,	1872.
	Isaac F. Sawtelle,	New Bedford,	Aug. -, 1816,	Sidney, Me.,	Master Mariner,	1873.
	William C. Parker, Jr.,	"	Feb. 22, 1850,	New Bedford,	-	1873.
	Elijah H. Chisholm,	"	Apr. 8, 1824,	Boston,	Druggist,	1866.
	Isaac D. Hall,	"	Nov. 2, 1807,	Portsmouth, R. I.,	Retired Merchant,	1837.
	William H. Whitfield,	Fairhaven,	Nov. 15, 1804,	Fairhaven,	Farmer,	1872.
PLYMOUTH COUNTY.						
No. 1,	Joshua W. Davis,	Cohasset,	Nov. 13, 1817,	Farmington, N. H.,	Farmer,	1873.
2,	John Cushing,	Hingham,	Apr. 7, 1808,	Hingham,	Shoemaker & Farmer,	1873.
3,	Calvin T. Phillips,	Hanson,	Mar. 3, 1836,	Hanson,	Supt. Tack Manuf'ry,	1873.
4,	David P. Hatch,	Marshfield,	Aug. 30, 1814,	Marshfield,	Farmer & Box Manuf.,	1873.
5,	Nahum Bailey, Jr.,	Kingston,	1823,	Kingston,	Trader,	1873.
6,	Albert Mason,	Plymouth,	Nov. 7, 1836,	Middleborough,	Lawyer,	1873.
	Tisdale S. White,	"	Nov. 7, 1809,	Norton,	Manufacturer,	1856.

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PLYMOUTH Co.—<i>Con.</i>						
No. 7, . . .	Peleg Blankinship, . .	Marion, . .	Feb. 18, 1809, . .	Marion, . .	Retired St'mb't Capt., . .	1873.
8, . . .	Geo. Purington, Jr., . .	Mattapoisett, . .	May 16, 1828, . .	Mattapoisett, . .	Manufacturer, . .	1873.
9, . . .	John Shaw, . .	Middleboro', . .	Dec. 3, 1822, . .	Carver, . .	Druggist, . .	1873.
10, . . .	Lewis Holmes, . .	Bridgewater, . .	Sept. 17, 1806, . .	Plymouth, . .	Postmaster, . .	1873.
11, . . .	E. Loring Thayer, . .	N. Bridgewater, . .	July 2, 1824, . .	N. Bridgewater, . .	Boot & Shoe Manuf'r, . .	1872.
12, . . .	Edward O. Noyes, . .	" . .	Oct. 18, 1840, . .	N. Bridgewater, . .	Merchant, . .	1873.
	Jesse E. Keith, . .	Abington, . .	May 2, 1824, . .	E. Bridgewater, . .	Lawyer, . .	1873.
	Nathan S. Jenkins, . .	" . .	Feb. 14, 1820, . .	Abington, . .	Boot & Shoemaker, . .	1856.
BARNSTABLE Co.						
No. 1, . . .	John B. D. Cogswell, . .	Yarmouth, . .	June 29, 1829, . .	Yarmouth, . .	Attorney, . .	1857.
	Nathaniel Sears, . .	Barnstable, . .	Oct. 3, 1825, . .	Rochester, . .	Conductor, . .	1872.
	Philip H. Robinson, . .	Sandwich, . .	Aug. 6, 1823, . .	Sandwich, . .	Farmer, . .	1873.
2, . . .	Zoeeth Snow, Jr., . .	Brewster, . .	Sept. 29, 1825, . .	Brewster, . .	Wheelw't & B'ksmith, . .	1872.
3, . . .	David P. Howes, . .	Dennis, . .	Mar. 14, 1815, . .	Dennis, . .	Mariner, . .	1873.
	Lot Higgins, . .	Orleans, . .	Sept. 10, 1809, . .	Orleans, . .	Merchant, . .	1872.
4, . . .	Reuben G. Sparks, . .	Provincetown, . .	July 30, 1822, . .	Provincetown, . .	Carpenter and Joiner, . .	1872.
	Thomas N. Stone, . .	Wellfleet, . .	May 30, 1818, . .	Wellfleet, . .	Physician, . .	1873.
DUKES COUNTY.						
No. 1, . . .	David Mayhew, . .	Tisbury, . .	Oct. 23, 1834, . .	Chilmark, . .	Farmer, . .	1873.
NANTUCKET Co.						
No. 1, . . .	Edward McCleave, . .	Nantucket, . .	Nov. -, 1813, . .	Nantucket, . .	Master Mariner, . .	1873.

OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	1st year in office.
Charles H. Taylor, <i>Clerk</i> ,	Somerville,	July 14, 1846,	Charlestown,	1873.
Robert G. Seymour, <i>Chaplain</i> ,	Boston,	- - - - -	- - - - -	1873.

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RULES AND ORDERS

OF THE

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CHAPTER I.

Of the Duties and Powers of the Speaker.

RULE 1. The speaker shall take the chair every day at the hour to which the House was adjourned; shall call the members to order; and on the appearance of a quorum shall proceed to business.

RULE 2. He shall preserve decorum and order; may speak to points of order in preference to other members; and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House by motion regularly seconded; and no other business shall be in order till the question on the appeal shall have been decided.

RULE 3. He shall declare all votes; but if any member rises to doubt a vote, the speaker shall order a return of the number voting in the affirmative and in the negative, without any further debate upon the question.

RULE 4. He shall rise to put a question, or to address the House, but may read sitting.

RULE 5. In all cases the speaker may vote.

RULE 6. When the House shall determine to go into a Committee of the whole House, the speaker shall appoint the member who shall take the chair.

RULE 7. On all questions and motions whatsoever, the speaker shall take the sense of the House by yeas and nays, provided one-fifth of the members present shall so require, and the call for yeas and nays shall be decided without debate. When the yeas and nays are taken, the roll of the House shall be called in alphabetical order, and no member shall be allowed to vote who was not upon the floor of the House when his name was called, or before the roll-call was finished.

RULE 8. He shall propound all questions, in the order in which they are moved, unless the subsequent motion be previous in its nature: except that, in naming sums and fixing times, the largest sum and longest time shall be put first.

RULE 9. After a motion is stated or read by the speaker, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the House, and shall be disposed of by vote of the House; but the mover may withdraw it at any time before a decision or amendment; except a motion to reconsider, which shall not be withdrawn after the time has elapsed within which it could be originally made.

RULE 10. When a question is under debate, the speaker shall received no motion, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to close the debate at a specified time, to postpone to a time certain, to commit, to amend, to refer to the next General Court, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged: and a motion to strike out the enacting clause of a bill shall be equivalent to a motion to postpone indefinitely.

RULE 11. He shall consider a motion to adjourn as always first in order; and that motion, and the motions to lay on the table, and to take from the table, shall be decided without debate.

RULE 12. He shall put the previous question in the following form: "*Shall the main question be now put?*"—and all debate upon the main question shall be suspended, until the previous question shall be decided. The adoption of the previous question shall put an end to all debate, except as provided in Rule 13, and bring the House to a direct vote upon pending amendments, if any, in their regular order, and then upon the main question.

RULE 13. Where debate is closed by the ordering of the previous question, or by vote of the House, the person in charge of the measure under consideration shall be allowed to speak ten minutes, and may grant to any other member any portion of his time. The member introducing a measure not yet referred, or the chairman (or the member making the report) of the committee last reporting upon it, shall respectively be deemed the person in charge.

RULE 14. On the previous question, not exceeding ten minutes shall be allowed for debate, and that only to give reasons why the main question should not be put, and no member shall speak more than three minutes. All questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question, shall be decided without debate, excepting on appeal; and on such appeal, and on the previous question, no member shall be allowed to speak more than once, without leave of the House.

RULE 15. A motion to close the debate at a specified time, shall be put not less than thirty minutes before the time stated.

RULE 16. When two or more members happen to rise at once, the speaker shall name the member entitled to the floor.

RULE 17. All committees shall be appointed and announced by the speaker, unless otherwise specially directed by the House.

RULE 18. The speaker shall have the right to name any member to perform the duties of the chair, but such substitution shall not extend beyond two days.

CHAPTER II.

Of the Duties, Rights and Decorum of Members.

RULE 18. Every seat which shall be drawn by any member, at the beginning of the session, shall be his seat during the year, unless he have leave of the speaker to change it.

RULE 20. The desks on the right and left of the speaker shall be appropriated to the use of the clerk and the committees on bills.

RULE 21. Every member, when about to speak, shall rise and respectfully address the speaker, confine himself to the question under debate, avoid personality, and sit down when he has finished. No member shall speak out of his place without leave of the speaker.

RULE 22. No member speaking shall be interrupted by another, but by rising to call to order.

RULE 23. No member shall speak more than twice on one question, without first obtaining leave of the House; nor more than once, until the other members, who have not spoken, shall speak, if they desire it.

RULE 24. When a vote has passed, except on the previous question and on motions mentioned in rule eleventh, it shall be in order for any member to move for a reconsideration thereof on the same or the succeeding day; and such motion, if made on the same day, shall (except in the last week of the session) be placed first in the orders of the day for the day succeeding that on which it is made; but if first moved on such succeeding day, it shall be forthwith considered; and when a motion for reconsideration is decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered, and no question be twice reconsidered: *provided, however,* that a motion to reconsider a vote, upon any incidental or subsidiary question, shall not remove the main subject under consideration from before the House, but shall be considered at the time when it is made.

RULE 25. Debate on motions to reconsider votes shall be limited to thirty minutes, and no member shall occupy more than five minutes.

RULE 26. Bills, resolves and other papers, in reference to which any member has a right to move a reconsideration, except petitions, enacted bills, orders of inquiry and orders of notice, shall remain in the possession of the clerk until the right of reconsideration has expired: *provided*, that the operation of this rule shall be suspended during the last week of the session.

RULE 27. No member shall be obliged to be on more than two committees at the same time, nor chairman of more than one.

RULE 28. No member shall be permitted to stand up, to the interruption of another, while any member is speaking, or to pass unnecessarily between the speaker of the House and the person speaking; nor shall any member be permitted to stand in the alleys or in the area in front of the chair, during the session of the House.

RULE 29. All proceedings of the House in secret session, and every matter relating to the same, shall be kept secret, until the House shall remove the injunction of secrecy.

RULE 30. Every member who neglects to give his attendance in the House for more than six days after the session commences, shall, on making his appearance therein, be held to render the reason of such neglect; and in case the reason assigned be deemed by the House sufficient, such member shall be entitled to receive pay for his travel, and not otherwise; and no member shall be absent more than two days without leave or excuse of the House.

RULE 31. When any member is guilty of a breach of either of the rules and orders of the House, he may be required by the House, on motion, to make satisfaction therefor, and shall not be allowed to vote or speak, except by way of excuse, till he has done so.

RULE 32. No member shall be permitted to vote, or serve on any committee, in any question where his private right is immediately concerned, distinct from the public interest.

RULE 33. Every member present in the House when a question is put, where he is not excluded by interest, shall give his vote, unless the House, for special reasons, excuse him. Any member desiring to be so excused on any question, shall make application to that effect before the House is divided, or before the calling of the yeas and nays; and such application shall be accompanied by a brief statement of reasons, and decided without debate.

RULE 34. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the speaker so directs.

RULE 35. Any member may call for the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible; but a motion to strike out being lost, shall neither preclude amendment, nor a motion to strike out and insert.

RULE 36. Motions and reports may be committed, or recommended, at the pleasure of the House.

RULE 37. No motion or proposition of a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

RULE 38. The unfinished business, in which the House was engaged at the time of the last adjournment, shall have the preference in the orders of the day next after motions for reconsideration.

RULE 39. No rule or order of the House shall be dispensed

with, altered or repealed, unless two-thirds of the members present consent thereto; but rules fifty-six, fifty-seven and sixty-four shall not be suspended, unless by unanimous consent of the members present.

RULE 40. When a vote is doubted, the members for or against the question, when called on by the speaker, shall rise and stand till they are counted.

RULE 41. All questions relating to the priority of business to be acted upon, shall be decided without debate.

RULE 42. Every question of order shall be noted by the clerk, with the decision thereon, and inscribed at large on the journal.

RULE 43. When a motion is made to refer any subject, and different committees shall be proposed, the question shall be taken in the following order:—a standing committee of the House—a select committee of the House—a joint standing committee—a joint select committee.

RULE 44. Committees shall make final report upon all matters previously referred to them, on or before the twenty-second day of March, unless further time be granted, for cause.

RULE 45. Whenever, upon any application for an act of incorporation or other special legislation, the purpose for which such legislation is sought, can be secured under general laws, the committee to which the matter is referred, shall, in all cases, report leave to withdraw or inexpedient to legislate.

RULE 46. It shall be the duty of each member of the House who moves that any standing committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending an existing law or laws, to point out the amendment which he deems expedient, in writing, to accompany his motion, specifying the chapter and section of the statute referred to.

RULE 47. No person, other than members and officers of the legislature, shall be admitted within the bar of the House during its session, except by invitation of a member of the House, or by leave of the speaker.

RULE 48. The clerk shall cause to be prepared and printed orders of the business of each day, which shall include a brief minute of every order or petition received, or bill introduced on leave, and of papers received from the Senate. during the session of the day previous, with the disposition made of the same.

CHAPTER III.

Of the Duties of Monitors.

RULE 49. Two monitors shall be appointed for each division of the House, whose duty it shall be see to the due observance of the orders of the House, and on demand of the speaker, to return the number of votes and members in their respective divisions.

RULE 50. If any member transgress any of the rules or orders of the House, and persist therein after being notified thereof by any monitor, it shall be the duty of such monitor to give information thereof to the House.

RULE 51. If the speaker is absent beyond the time designated in the eighteenth rule, any monitor present designated by the clerk shall call the House to order, and preside until the speaker assume his seat, or a speaker *pro tem.* be chosen.

CHAPTER IV.

Of Petitions, Memorials, &c.

RULE 52. All papers addressed to the House, except petitions, memorials and remonstrances, shall be presented by the speaker, or by a member in his place, shall be read by the speaker, clerk, or such other person as the speaker may request, and be taken up in the order in which they were presented, unless the House otherwise directs.

RULE 53. Every member presenting to the House a petition, memorial or remonstrance, shall indorse his name thereon, with a brief statement of the nature and object of the instrument, and the reading of the same from the chair shall in all instances be dispensed with, unless specially ordered by the House.

RULE 54. All reports, petitions, memorials, remonstrances and papers of a like nature, shall be presented during the first hour of each session of the House, and at no other time, except by vote of the House; and the speaker shall call on the several divisions, in regular succession, for such papers.

RULE 55. No bill or resolve affecting the rights of individuals or private or municipal corporations, or the Commonwealth, shall be reported to the House by any committee, unless it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the committee that

notice has been given in the manner provided by law ; or unless such notice as the committee may direct shall have been given, and proper proof of the same placed before the committee ; or unless, in the judgment of the committee, no notice to the parties or the public is necessary.

RULE 56. Any order proposed for adoption shall be passed over for that day without question, if any member of the House shall so request ; and the same shall be considered and disposed of, on the succeeding day.

RULE 57. Use of the Representatives' chamber shall not be granted for any purpose unless by a vote of four-fifths of the members present.

CHAPTER V.

Of Bills and Resolves.

RULE 58. The first reading of a bill shall be for information, and if opposition be made to it, the question shall be, "*Shall this bill be rejected?*" If no opposition be made, or if the question to reject be negatived, the bill shall go to its second reading without a question.

RULE 59. No bill or resolve shall pass to be engrossed without being read on three several days.

RULE 60. All bills and resolves shall be written in a fair-legible hand, without interlineations, on not less than one sheet of paper, with suitable margins and spaces between the several sections or resolves.

RULE 61. No bill or resolve shall be introduced to the House, unless reported by a committee, without first having been read for information only, and special leave thereupon granted ; and, when thus introduced, such bill or resolve shall be committed, before it is ordered to a second reading. When any bill, resolve, order, petition, memorial or remonstrance, has been finally rejected, no other, substantially the same, shall be introduced by any committee or member during the same session ; and the House shall not consider an amendment to one of its own bills made by the Senate, which amendment is substantially the same as a bill or resolve which has once been rejected by the House.

RULE 62. No engrossed bill or resolve shall be sent to the Senate, without notice thereof being given by the speaker.

RULE 63. All bills and resolves involving an expenditure of public money, shall after their first reading, be referred in course to the committee on Finance, for report on their relation to the finances of the Commonwealth. Appropriation bills reported to the House shall contain only such items of expenditure as have been authorized by law, or such as the committee on Finance have been specially directed by vote of the House to insert.

RULE 64. All bills and resolves in their third reading shall be committed to the standing committee on bills in the third reading, to be by them examined, corrected and reported to the House; but no change shall be made by them in the subject-matter of any bill or resolve, unless the same shall be reported to the House as an amendment.

RULE 65. All engrossed bills and resolves shall be committed to the standing committee on engrossed bills, to be strictly examined; and if found truly and rightly engrossed, they shall so report to the House, and the same be passed to be enacted, without any further reading, unless on motion of any member, a majority of the House shall be in favor of reading the same as engrossed.

RULE 66. No engrossed bill or resolve shall be amended.

RULE 67. Bills and resolves in their third reading shall be made the order of the day for the day next succeeding that on which leave was given to read them a third time; and all reports of committees, not by bill or resolve, whether joint or of this House, shall be made the order of the day for the day next succeeding that on which they have been read in this House, unless the House otherwise direct; and the speaker shall order accordingly; and after entering on the orders of the day, they shall be disposed of in course.

RULE 68. In considering the orders of the day, matters not giving rise to debate shall be first disposed of; and, upon the first call of the orders, a motion that a subject lie upon the table, shall be equivalent to a notice of an intention to debate, and the matter shall not be laid upon the table, but shall be passed.

RULE 69. All amendments, proposed by the Senate and sent back to the House for their concurrence, shall be committed to the committee which reported the measure proposed to be amended, unless such committee be composed of members of both branches.

CHAPTER VI.

Of Committees, their Powers and Duties.

RULE 70. The following standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the political year, viz. :—

- A Committee on the Judiciary ;
- A Committee on Matters of Probate and Chancery ;
- A Committee on Finance ;
- A Committee on Elections ;
- A Committee on Bill in the Third Reading ;
- A Committee on Engrossed Bills ;
- A Committee on County Estimates ;
- A Committee on the Pay Roll ;
- A Committee on Leave of Absence ;
- A Committee on Public Buildings ;
- A Committee on Printing ;

And each of these committees shall consist of seven members.

RULE 71. In all elections by ballot, a time shall be assigned for such election, at least one day previous thereto.

RULE 72. In all elections of committees of the House, by ballot, the person having the highest number of votes, shall act as chairman.

RULE 73. All papers in possession of any member obtaining leave of absence, shall be left by him with the clerk.

RULE 74. The rules of proceeding in the House shall be observed in a committee of the whole House, so far as they may be applicable, except the rule limiting the times of speaking : but no member shall speak twice upon any question, until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken. A motion to rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again, shall be always first in order, and be decided without debate.

Form of Indorsing Petitions.

The Petition of

for

Presented by Mr.

of

Ho. of Reps.

1873.

Referred to the Committee on

[No. 3.]

JOINT RULES AND ORDERS

OF THE

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RULE 13. An agreement to go into a Convention not to be altered or annulled, unless, &c.

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RULE 16. Committees of Conference; how composed, and their reports.

RULE 17. Joint Committee to make final report on or before March 22.

RULE 18. Concerning reports on petitions, notice of the presentation of which has not been given.

RULE 19. Concerning petitions, memorials, &c.

RULE 20. Concerning the printing and binding of documents.

RULE 1. The following Joint Standing Committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the January session, viz.:—

A Committee on Agriculture;

A Committee on Banks and Banking;

A Committee on Claims;

A Committee on Education;

A Committee on Expenditures;

A Committee on Federal Relations;

A Committee on the Fisheries;

- A Committee on Harbors ;
- A Committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad ;
- A Committee on Horse Railways ;
- A Committee on Insurance ;
- A Committee on the Library ;
- A Committee on Manufactures ;
- A Committee on Mercantile Affairs ;
- A Committee on Military Affairs ;
- A Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies ;
- A Committee on Prisons ;
- A Committee on Public Charitable Institutions ;
- A Committee on Public Lands ;
- A Committee on Railways ;
- A Committee on Roads and Bridges ;
- A Committee on the State House ;
- A Committee on Towns ;
- A Committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

And each of said Committees shall consist of two on the part of the Senate, and five on the part of the House, except the Committee on Mercantile Affairs, the Committee on Prisons, the Committee on Water Supply and Drainage, the Committee on Harbors, the Committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, the Committee on Railways, and the Committee on Horse Railways, which shall each consist of three members on the part of the Senate, and eight members on the part of the House ; and except the Committee on the Library, which by law, is to consist of three on the part of each House ; and except the Committee on Expenditures, which shall consist of the Committee on the Treasury of the Senate, and the Committee on Finance of the House. No member of either House shall act as counsel for any party before any committee of the legislature.

RULE 2. The Joint Committees of the two Houses may report by bill, resolve or otherwise, to either House, at their discretion ; and all bills and resolves reported by them shall be written in a fair, legible hand, without interlineation, on not less than a sheet of paper, with suitable margins and spaces between the several sections or resolves.

RULE 3. Reports of Joint Committees may be recommitted to the same committees at the pleasure of the House first acting

thereon, without asking the concurrence of the other branch; and bills or resolves which have been previously acted on in one branch may be recommitted in the other without a concurrent vote, except when recommitted with instructions: *provided*, that, after such recommitment, reports shall, in all cases, be made to the branch which shall have ordered such recommitment.

RULE 4. Whenever a report is made from any Committee to either House, and the sub-matter thereof is subsequently referred therein to a Joint Committee, such Committee shall report its action to the branch in which the original report was made.

RULE 5. Whenever upon any application for an Act of incorporation, or other special legislation, the purpose for which such legislation is sought can be secured under general laws, the committee to which the matter is referred shall, in all cases, report "leave to withdraw," or "inexpedient to legislate."

RULE 6. All papers, while on their passage between the two Houses, may be under the signature of the respective Clerks, except bills and resolves in their last stage. Messages may be sent by such persons as each House may direct.

RULE 7. After bills shall have passed both Houses to be engrossed, they shall be in the charge of the Clerks of the two Houses, who shall deliver the same to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to be engrossed in the manner prescribed by law; and, when engrossed, the said Clerks shall forthwith deliver the same to the Committee of the House of Representatives on Engrossed Bills; and when the same shall have passed to be enacted in that House, they shall, in like manner, be delivered to the Committee of the Senate on Engrossed Bills.

RULE 8. If any bill, resolve or order, originating in one branch is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given, under the signature of the Clerk, to the branch in which the same originated.

RULE 9. The Clerk of the House in which a bill originated, shall make an indorsement thereon, certifying in which House the same originated, which indorsement shall be entered on the Journals by the Clerks respectively.

After said bills shall have passed both Houses to be enacted, the Clerk of the Senate shall lay them before the Governor for

his approbation, and shall enter on the Journal of the Senate the day on which the same was laid before the Governor.

RULE 10. All resolves and other papers, which are to be presented to the Governor for his approbation, shall be laid before him in the same manner as is prescribed in the case of bills.

RULE 11. All resolves proposing amendments of the Constitution, shall have three several readings in each House, and the final question upon adopting the same shall be taken by yeas and nays.

RULE 12. The President of the Senate shall preside in Conventions of the two branches; and such conventions shall be holden in the Representatives' Chamber; and the Clerk of the Senate shall be Clerk of the Conventions.

RULE 13. When an agreement has been made by the two branches to go into Convention, such agreement shall not be altered or annulled, except by concurrent vote.

RULE 14. No business shall be entered on, in Convention, other than that which may be agreed on before the Conventions formed.

RULE 15. In all elections by joint ballot, a time shall be assigned therefor at least one day previous to such election.

RULE 16. Committees of Conference shall consist of three members on the part of each House, representing its vote; and their report, if agreed to by a majority of each Committee, shall be made to the branch asking the conference, and may be either accepted or rejected; but no other action shall be had, except through a new Committee of Conference.

RULE 17. Joint Committees shall make final report upon all matters previously referred to them, on or before the twenty-second day of March, unless further time is granted for cause.

RULE 18. No bill or resolve affecting the rights of individuals or private or municipal corporations, or the Commonwealth, shall be reported to the legislature by any Committee, unless it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Committee that notice has been given in the manner provided by law; or unless such notice as the Committee shall direct shall have been given, and proper proof of the same placed before the Committee; or, unless, in the judgment of the Committee, no notice to the parties or the public is necessary.

RULE 19. All petitions, memorials and applications embraced in the provisions of chapter 2 of the General Statutes and chap-

ter 91 of the Acts of the year 1862, which shall be presented after the twenty-second day of February, shall be referred to the next General Court. This rule shall not be rescinded, amended or suspended, except by a concurrent vote of four-fifths of the members of each house present and voting thereon.

RULE 20. The Committee on Printing shall act as a Joint Committee in cases requiring joint action; and as such may make regulations for the distribution of all documents printed or assigned for the use of the legislature, not otherwise disposed of; such regulations to be reported to and subject to the order of the two branches.

Under the general order to print a report, bill or other document, the number to be printed shall be eight hundred, with the exception of the Governor's Inaugural Address, of which three thousand copies may be printed without special order. Either branch, by special order, may direct a larger number than eight hundred copies to be printed, which order shall be referred to the Committee on Printing, who may report thereon at any time when the Orders of the Day are not under consideration.

Leave to report in print, shall not be construed to authorize the printing of extended reports of evidence.

No binding or engaving shall be ordered, except upon the report of the Joint Committee on Printing accepted by the legislature.

Bills, reports and other documents, printed under the general order of either House, shall be distributed as follows, to wit: two copies to each member of the Senate and House of Representatives (to be placed on his file under the direction of the Sergeant-at-Arms, if desired by the member); three copies to each Clerk in each branch, and three copies to each reporter in regular attendance, to whom a seat has been assigned in either branch; twenty copies to the Executive; twenty copies to the Secretary's Office; six copies to the State Library; and, when the document is the report of a committee, ten copies shall be assigned to the committee making the report. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall preserve as many as may be necessary for the permanent files to be placed in the lobbies, and distribute the remainder under such regulations as may be prescribed by said Joint Committee.

[No. 4.]

THE OATH OF OFFICE.

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I, (repeating your name,) do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof. *So help me, God.*

I, do solemnly swear and affirm, that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a Representative, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth. *So help me, God.*

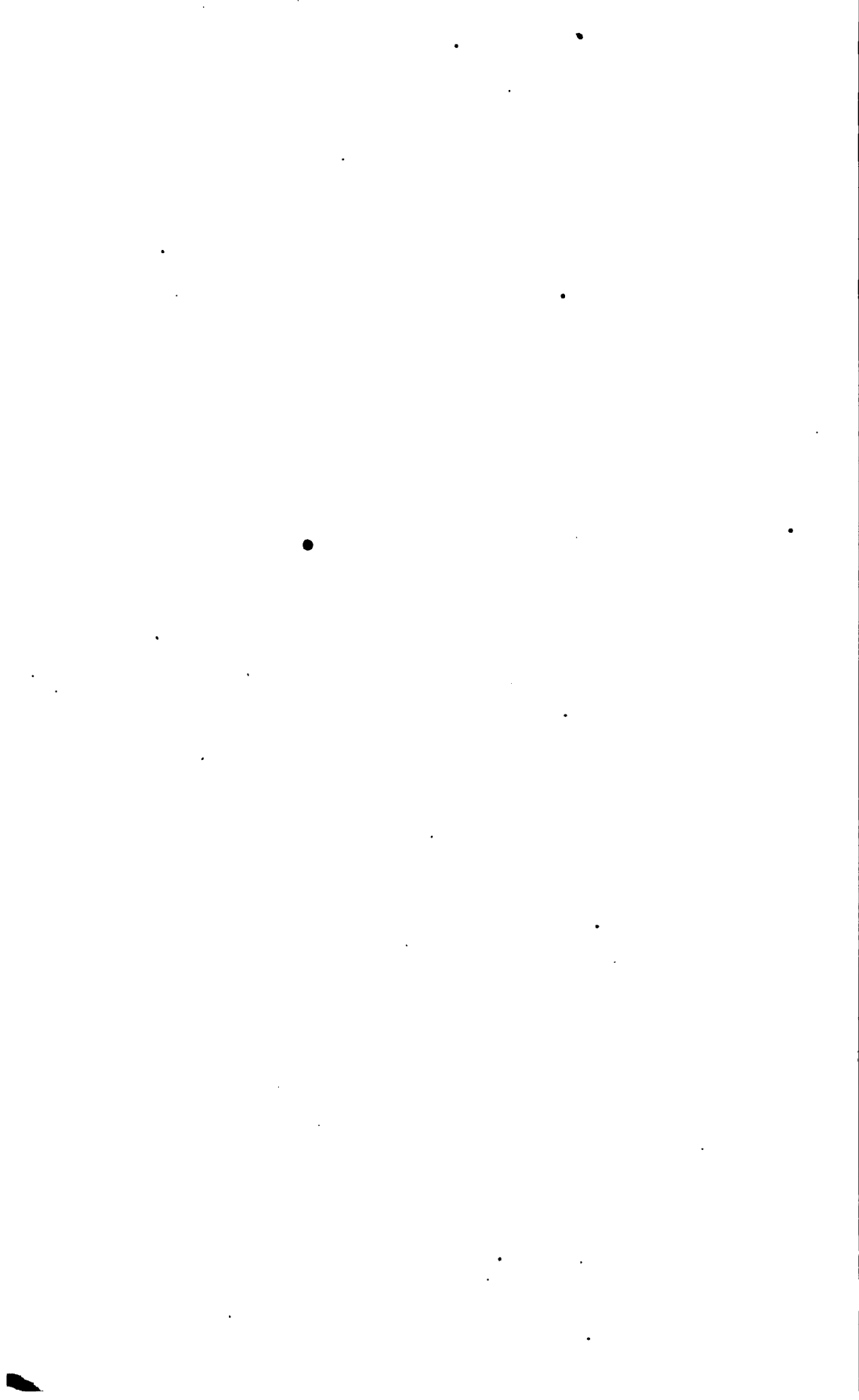
I, do solemnly swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States. *So help me, God.*

AFFIRMATION.

I, (repeating your name,) do solemnly affirm, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof. *This I do, under the pains and penalties of perjury.*

I, do solemnly affirm, that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as a Representative, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth. *This I do, under the pains and penalties of perjury.*

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